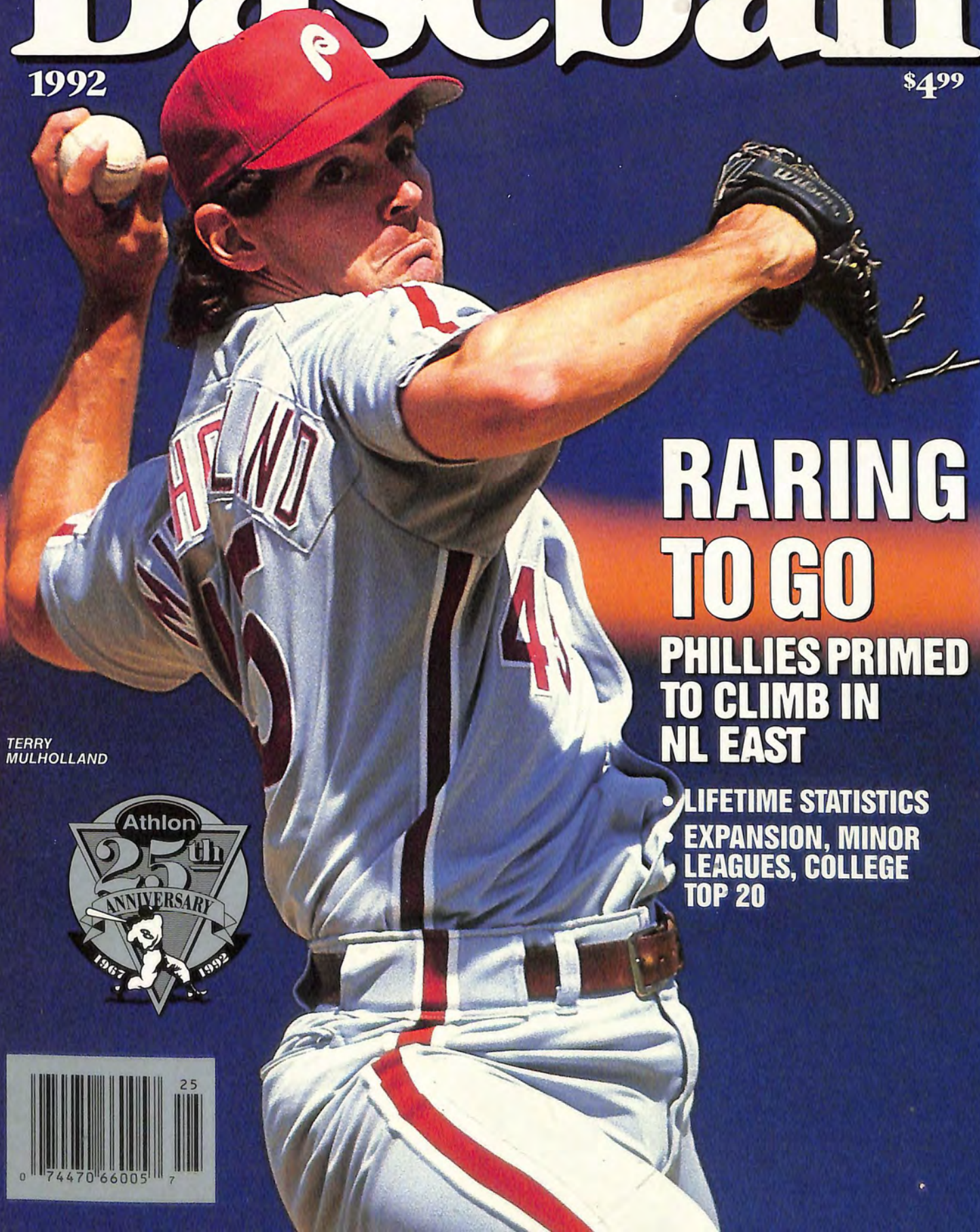


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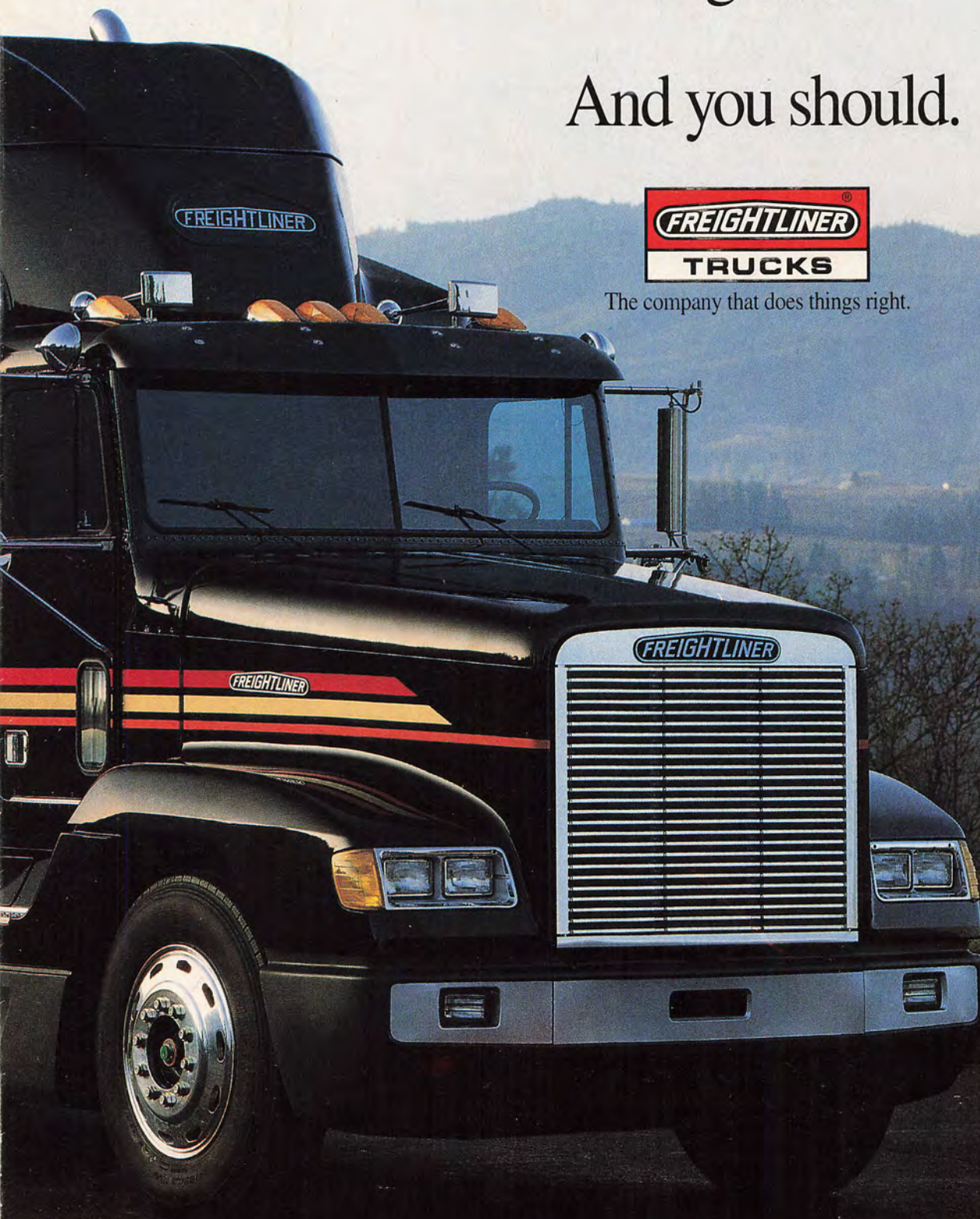


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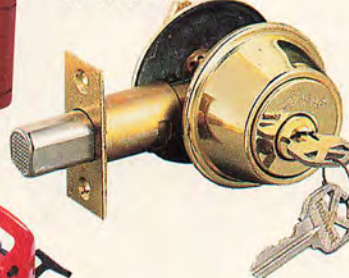


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FROM THE MANAGING EDITOR

Like every baseball season, 1992 will offer more than just the glamour of another All-Star Game, the tension of the pennant races and the excitement of the World Series—as if that weren't enough. Another year's worth of memories will be included in baseball's immortal lore.

Nolan Ryan may pitch his eighth no-hitter. Roger Clemens may earn his fourth Cy Young Award. Who knows, maybe Cleveland or Houston could become baseball's next last-to-first miracle team. Be sure that 1992 will inspire its share of remembrances.

Whether it's Andy Pafko facing Allie Reynolds in the 1952 World Series or Jack Morris staring down Mark Lemke in 1991, baseball doesn't change. It's batter vs. pitcher. When the World Series is on the line, baseball doesn't distinguish between a \$3 million pitcher and a \$120,000 hitter.

As the storied history of the game grows, our perspective changes. Events of the past increase or diminish in importance as each year passes. We remember now that Dan Gladden scored the winning run of the 1991 World Series. But in the future only those who know who Irv Noren was are likely to recollect Gladden. Fred Merkle has been remembered for his baserunning mistake in 1908. Maybe Lonnie Smith's baserunning error in the '91 World Series has taken some of the pressure off Merkle, whose blunder cost the New York Giants the National League pennant. Does the banishment of Pete Rose from baseball and the Hall of Fame cause some of his supporters to change their stance on Shoeless Joe Jackson? The 1919 Black Sox scandal has left fans divided on the issue of admitting Jackson, one of the eight players barred from baseball, to the Hall of Fame.

The modern age of free agency, arbitration and increased television exposure is a sharp contrast to the long train rides, less manicured fields and modest salaries that players of years past endured. Perhaps our respect for those players of years gone by is heightened. I believe each of the 51 years since Ted Williams' .406 batting average and Joe DiMaggio's 56-game hitting streak has enhanced the significance of those feats.

What makes baseball such an entrancing game is how little it has changed. Those who watched baseball, basketball and football 75 years ago must be astonished at how football and basketball have been transformed. But baseball has remained surprisingly constant. Of course, there have been changes, a handful of which I would like to see forgotten.

I applaud Fay Vincent for proposing the abolition of the designated hitter. Some readers are too young to remember the pre-1973 American League, before the DH. I am confident they would embrace the game even more without it.

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Domes? Don't get me started. I am pleased that the new Comiskey Park and Oriole Park at Camden Yards are restoring an ambience to be enjoyed for generations.

We see the game changing now more than ever. As the business aspects of baseball begin to overshadow the game itself, I worry about baseball's future. Attitudes are changing at all levels, from ownership to the players.

Hall of Famer Joe Morgan once suggested that baseball does not belong to the players, the players belong to the game. He believes it is the players' responsibility to leave the game in better shape than it was when they began. I agree.

Jose Canseco, Darryl Strawberry, George Brett et al. are splendid athletes with remarkable talent. I believe they will be enshrined at Cooperstown someday. I just hope they under-

stand the opportunity and the condition of the game that men like Willie Mays, Roberto Clemente, Carl Yastrzemski, Lou Brock and Johnny Bench and all the Hall of Famers before them have passed on. If today's players take care of the game, the game will take care of them.

In celebration of where baseball has been, its status today and where it is headed, the staff at *Athlon* is excited to showcase a little of baseball's past, its present and perhaps a glimpse into its future.

Since *Athlon* published its first baseball annual in 1988, each year we have featured an article on the history of a ballpark. This year we look back at Wrigley Field's past and wish it a long, healthy future. We also have delved into baseball's past with a profile of the colorful Dizzy Dean.

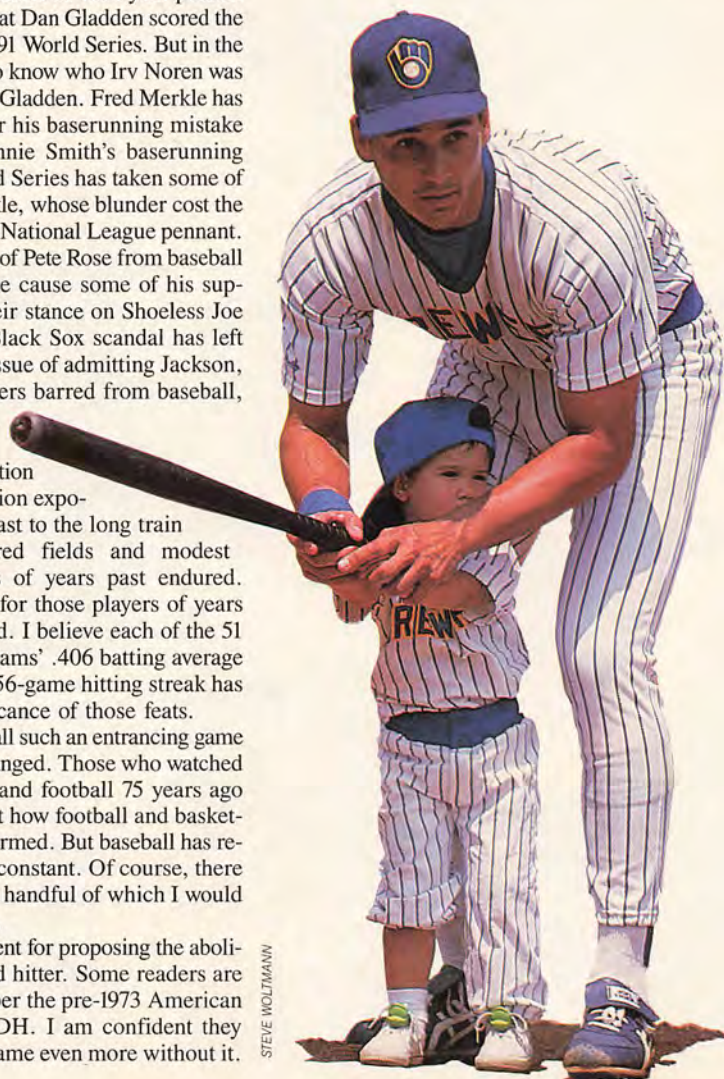
We begin by offering a reminder of the recent past, the classic Fall Classic of 1991. We also examine the chances of 13 active players for election to the Hall of Fame.

In contrast to previous publications, our team previews are more in-depth and analytical. Our glimpse into the future includes expanded coverage of upcoming rookies and major league prospects. In addition, there is a story on the two new National League franchises in Denver and Miami. For the first time, we have coverage of college baseball, highlighting the Top 20 teams and their star players. We have expanded our statistics sections to include the lifetime stats of today's players through 1991 as well as last season's numbers.

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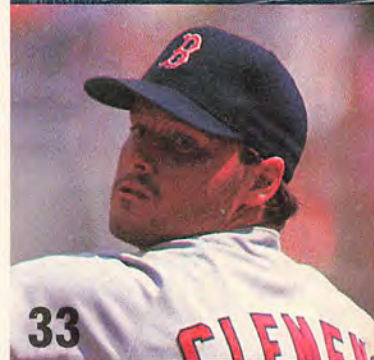
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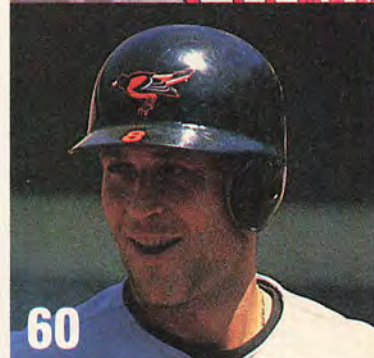
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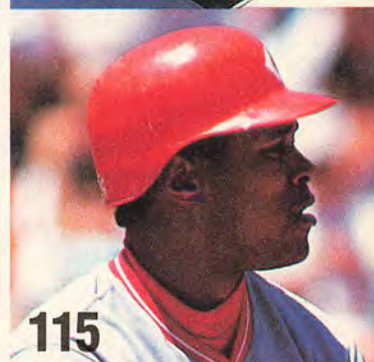
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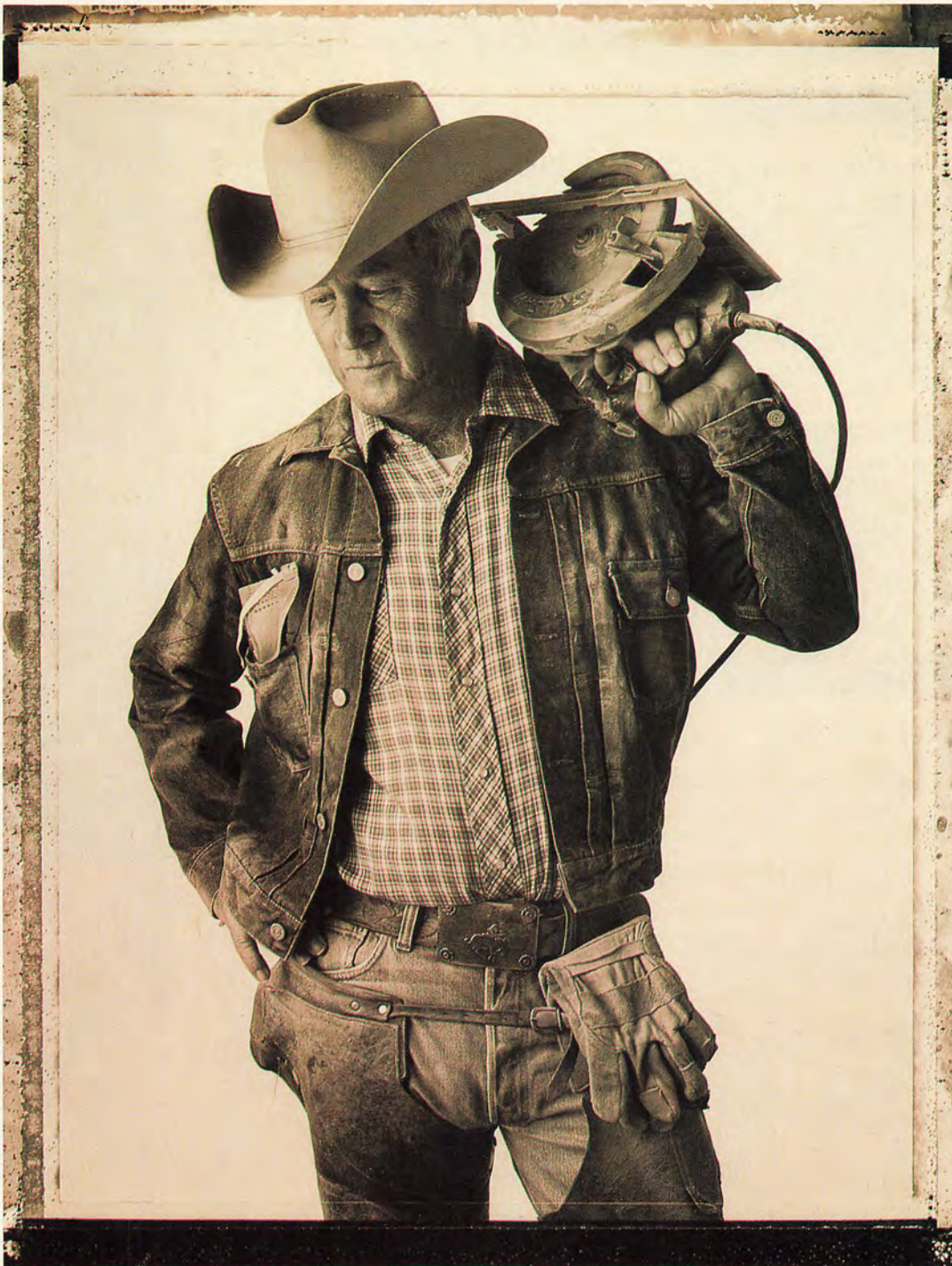


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By MIKE LOPRESTI
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By the time the last hit of the last inning of the last game fell to the war-torn turf of the Metrodome, it no longer really mattered to the legacy of the 1991 World Series who would win.

It was already a classic. Already, quite possibly, the most dramatic World Series ever played. There was glory in victory, to be sure. But there also was glory in having helped create it, just having been a part of it.

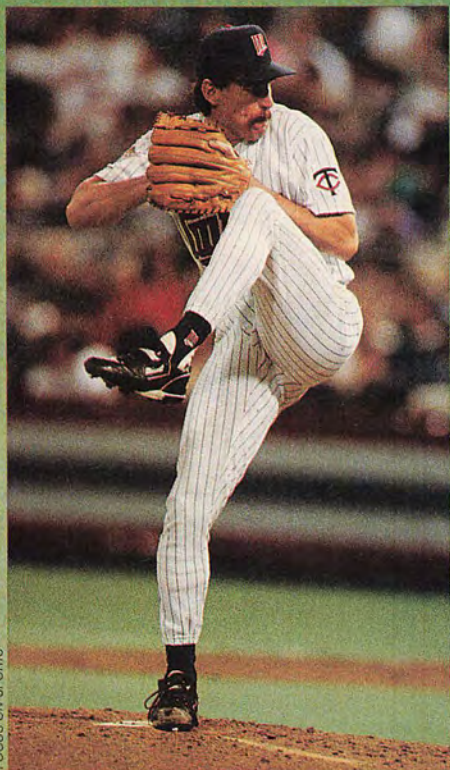
As it turned out, that last 10th-inning hit by Gene Larkin, and with it the only run of Game 7, belonged to the Minnesota Twins. Later, in the joy of a winning clubhouse, someone put on a tape of "We Are The Champions," and the Twins sang right along. But even celebrating was not easy, because it takes emotion to do that. And there was precious little emotion left in either the Minnesota or Atlanta clubhouse by the time the World Series finally slammed to a halt.

"I can't smile," Minnesota's Kirby Puckett said that night in late October. "I'm too tired."

Months later, the numbers still echo the ferocity of the fight. The four games won on the last pitch. The five games won on the last at-bat. The three games that went extra innings, including the 1-0 clincher.

By the last Sunday evening, both teams had

With the Twins, who wasn't a hero? Kirby Puckett (right), rounding the bases after his Game 6-winning home run in the 11th inning, was kind of special, though. In his finest hour, so was crafty, 36-year-old Jack Morris (left) with a 10-inning 1-0 victory in Game 7.

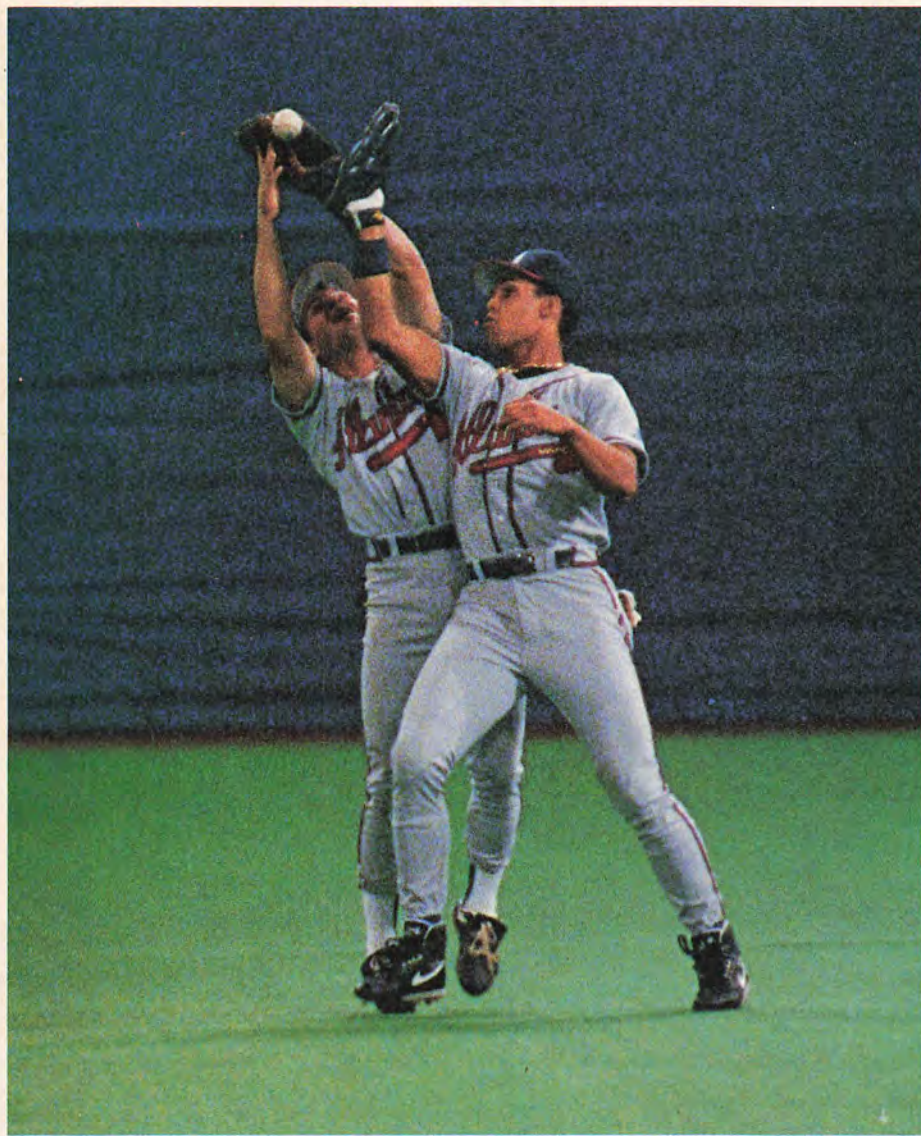


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Things got out of hand when Justice (right) bumped Lemke on Gladden's pop fly.

grown so accustomed to the tension, they felt as if they had been fighting for this one World Series all their lives. "You mean it's going to end?" Minnesota's Mike Pagliarulo said before Game 7. "It never seemed like it was going to end."

What lingers most is the toll it took on both sides. A week of excruciating baseball tension. Remember the images?

Atlanta's Lonnie Smith sitting alone in the training room after Game 7, his baserunning error having just cost the Braves a run and, quite possibly, the game and the championship.

Charlie Leibrandt's wife crying for an hour after Game 6 that her husband lost with a home run ball to Puckett in the 11th.

Jack Morris, 36 years old, walking to the mound inning after inning after inning in Game 7, refusing to budge, refusing to blink. Not until the job was done. All 10 innings he worked.

Manager Tom Kelly was asked later: "What would it have taken to get Morris out of there?" His answer: "Probably a shotgun."

Minnesota's Al Newman, the picture of happy exhaustion after Game 7: "I'm drained. Mentally, physically and emotionally. I'm surprised I don't have ulcers."

And Atlanta's Greg Olson, his eyes showing his hurt: "I'm sure, 10 years down the line, when I forget how close we came, I'll look back on this as a great Series."

But as of late November, the loss still haunted. As Terry Pendleton talked of being named National League MVP, his mind wandered back to what might have been: "What I really wanted was the World Championship ring," said Atlanta's third baseman.

"Nobody wanted to make a mistake," Puckett said. "But if you play this game at all, you can't be afraid to make a mistake."

It had everything. Didn't it? Even Native Americans outside the Metrodome protesting the Braves' nickname and tomahawk-chop cheer.

Don Sutton, once a World Series pitcher and now a broadcaster, was asked before Game 7 if anything was missing.

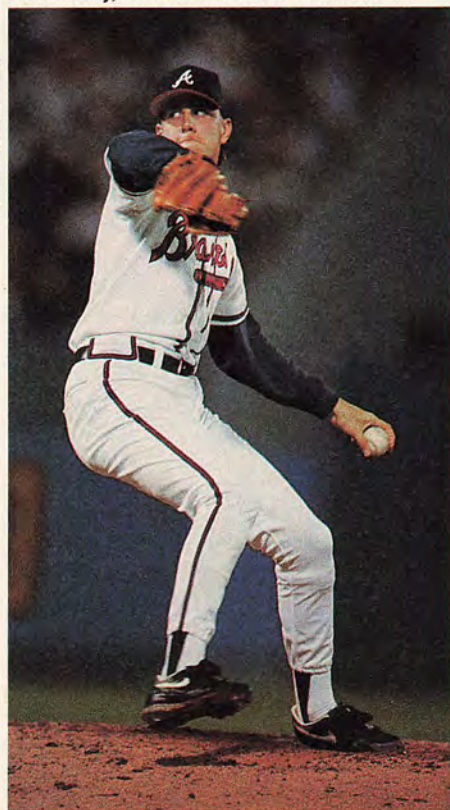
"Well, we haven't had a wild pitch on an intentional walk," he said. "Or a triple play. But we've got everything else covered."

The same could be said of the season that led up to the last act. Managers dropped like flies. No-hitters fell like rain. And someone turned the standings upside down as the Twins and Braves, cellar dwellers the year before, marched to the top. Never in this century had a team vaulted from last to first in one season. Two teams did it in '91, a prelude to the drama that would unfold in October.

Minnesota broke free from the rest of the American League West after the All-Star break, when six teams were within 6½ games of first place. Included among those left behind in August were the Oakland A's, their bid for a fourth-straight pennant ruined by injuries and inconsistent play. They finished only six games over .500, 11 games out of first place.

Atlanta had a tougher fight in the National League West, where the world champion Cincinnati Reds crumbled early. Trailing Los Angeles by 9½ games in July, the Braves mounted a furious charge through the dog days of August,

With Avery, the Braves were well-armed.

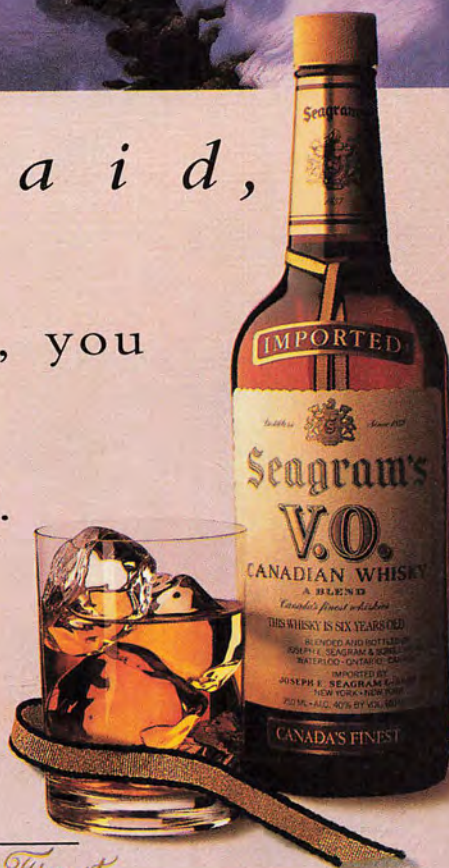




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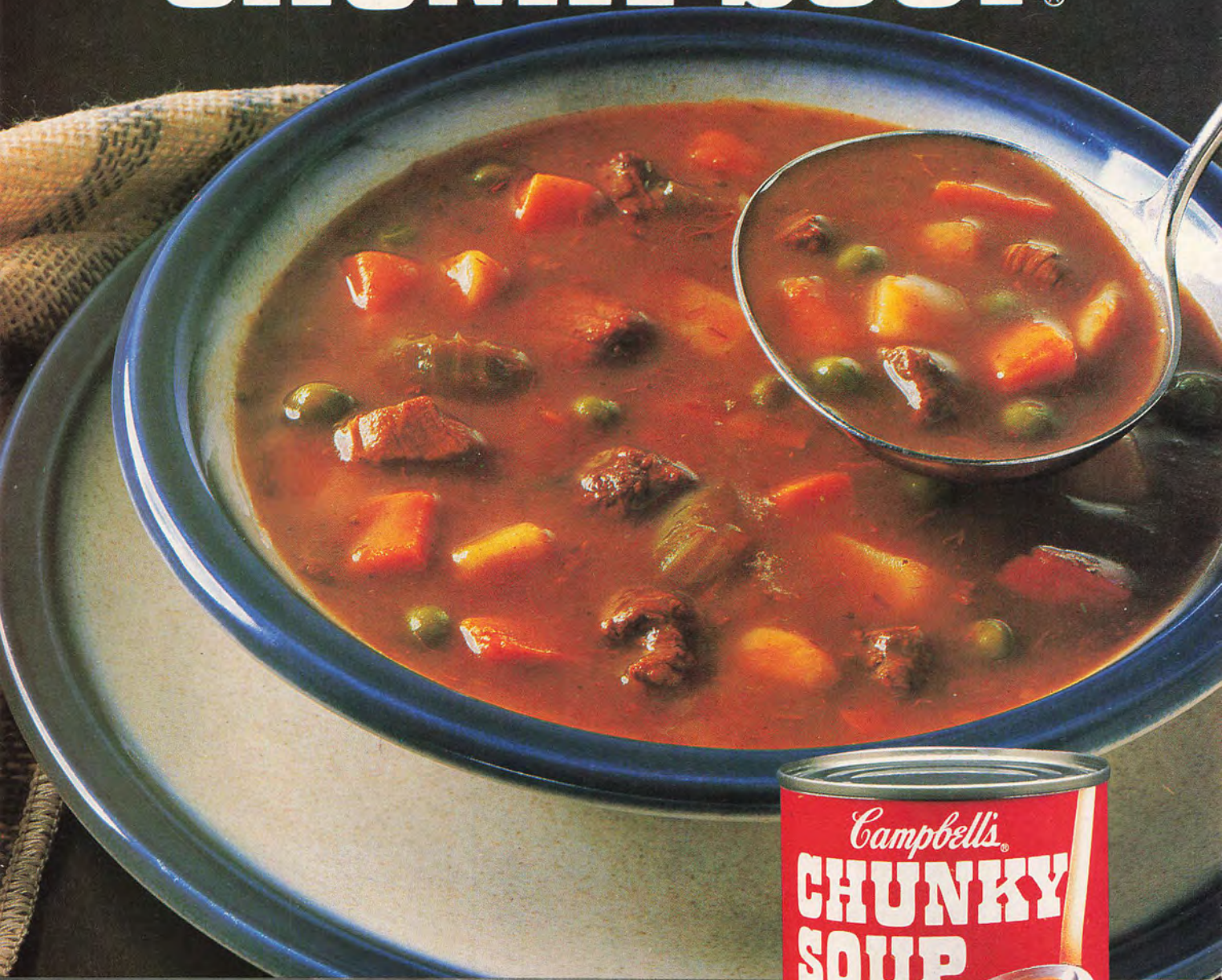
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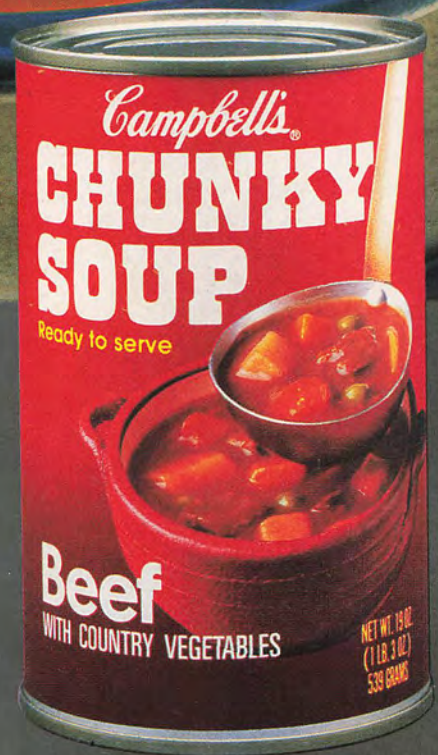


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Atlanta's Mark Lemke elbowed his way to the plate with the winning run in Game 4, and Minnesota catcher Brian Harper couldn't lay a glove on him.

as the tomahawk chop became the national rage. They clinched on the last weekend of the season. The young arms turned out to be cool heads, and the Braves never folded. Not what any logical person would expect of a team that lost 97 games the year before.

The other divisions were more routine. In the National League East, Pittsburgh took the lead on April 27 and never looked back. Toronto nearly blew an 11½-game lead over Boston in the American League East but pulled away at the end.

There were days of individual glory as well, none more so than May 1. In the afternoon, Rickey Henderson of the A's became the all-time stolen base king. That night, Nolan Ryan of the Texas Rangers, at the tender age of 44, threw his seventh no-hitter, against the Blue Jays.

More no-hitters would follow. Four Baltimore pitchers combined for one. Wilson Alvarez threw one for the Chicago White Sox in his second career start. And on July 28, Montreal's Dennis Martinez threw the 15th perfect game in major league history, against Los Angeles. It was one of the few bright moments for the

Expos, who finished the season in last place in the National League East—and without a park to play in. Structural failure at Olympic Stadium forced the Expos to play all their games after Sept. 13 on the road.

Once the also-rans were cleared away, serious postseason business could begin.

It didn't last long in the American League Championship Series. The Twins made short work of Toronto in five games, including a three-game sweep of the Blue Jays in the SkyDome. The Minnesota bullpen was invulnerable.

It was far different in the National League, where it took the Pirates and Braves seven games, three of them 1-0 thrillers, to decide the issue.

Atlanta somehow managed to survive going a league playoff-record 26 innings without a run, not to mention such disasters as David Justice missing third base and costing a run in Game 5, which the Braves lost 1-0.

That game appeared to put the Pirates on the brink of a pennant. They led 3-2 going back home to Pittsburgh, needing but one win in two games.

One win? The Pirates couldn't get one run.

The Braves strangled them with bold pitching. First, it was Steve Avery with a 1-0 win in Game 6, just as he had done in Game 2. The 21-year-old had made fast believers of the Pirates.

"If I have to face him another five or six years, I'm going to have stomach flu when he pitches," said Pittsburgh's Andy Van Slyke, who coined two new diseases that evening: Poison Avery and Averyitis.

The Pirates were even sicker the next night, when their fans amazingly left almost 12,000 seats empty at Three Rivers Stadium, and John Smoltz beat them 4-0 to give the Braves their first pennant in Atlanta.

Pittsburgh's offensive collapse was astounding. The Pirates were shut out their last 27 innings at home, the last 22 innings overall. As had happened the year before against Cincinnati, the big three of Van Slyke, Bobby Bonilla and Barry Bonds fizzled. They got one hit in their last 36 at-bats with men on base.

"If you're looking for an answer," Bonds said, "there is no answer."

All that was left for the Pirates was to wish

YOU THINK THE UMP IS NUTS?

the Braves well. Said manager Jim Leyland, "What a great story for baseball."

However, the great story was just beginning. Best to take this World Series one game at a time.

GAME 1: Morris pitched into the eighth, and Greg Gagne's three-run homer made it easy.

After the game, Kelly said of Morris, "He said before the game in the clubhouse for everybody to jump on board; he was going to carry us tonight."

Shrugged Morris: "What he didn't tell you is that I said the same thing before every game in the ALCS. Tonight, it happened to work."

GAME 2: Scott Leius, who had hit five home runs all year, homered in the eighth off Tom Glavine to win it for Minnesota 3-2. But the real action came in the third inning at first base, when Kent Hrbek appeared to lift Ron Gant off the base while trying to tag him, a move any pro wrestler would have been proud to call his own. Gant was called out to end the inning and kill a threat, and the Braves ranted at umpire Drew Coble.

"He knows he missed the call," Gant said.

All that was certain was that the Twins led two games to none as the Series shifted from the homer hankies of Minnesota to the tomahawk choppers of Georgia.

Smith's violent tomahawk chop felled Harper but that was a tag he did make.



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GAME 3: Atlanta lost a 4-1 lead as Chili Davis' pinch-hit homer tied it 4-4 in the eighth. But the Braves won 5-4 in the 12th inning when Mark Lemke singled in Justice.

The Twins used 23 players, the Braves 19. Kelly made moves so quickly he ended up in a nasty situation in the 12th: runners on base, two out and only relief pitcher Rick Aguilera left to hit. Aguilera's out was honorable, a sharp fly to center. But the Twins' threat was over. The Braves won in the bottom of the 12th.

"This game made it a lot easier for me to sleep tonight," Game 4 starter Smoltz said.

GAME 4: The tension grew tighter, the action more torrid. Minnesota catcher Brian Harper was run over at home plate in a terrifying collision with Lonnie Smith, but held onto the ball. "I haven't been hit that hard," Harper later said, "since I was sacked in high school."

What hit the Twins harder was Lemke, an unknown player winning converts by the hour. Lemke tripled in the ninth with the score tied 2-2 and eventually scored the winning run on Jerry Willard's sacrifice fly to right field. Shane Mack's throw nearly nailed Lemke at the plate, but he was able to avoid Harper, who tagged Lemke with his elbow and not the ball.

For Willard, it was a moment in the sun he had dreamed about. Meanwhile, the Series was tied 2-2, and white-hot in intensity.

"They remind us of us," Kelly said of the Braves. "They battle and battle and battle."

"It gets to the point," Lemke said, "that even when you win a close game, you don't have the energy to get too excited about it."

GAME 5: Atlanta scored the most runs in a World Series game in 31 years and rolled over Minnesota 14-5. The Braves had swept the three games in Atlanta and were one game away from

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Larkin danced to first on deciding hit.

the title. The Twins had wilted on the road. But the St. Louis Cardinals had done that to Minnesota in 1987, and the Twins had won the last two in the Metrodome.

"We're happy to be getting out of this place," said Hrbek, who added a warning.

"Deja vu strikes."

Before Game 6, Hank Aaron pondered what a Braves title would mean. "It would mean there's even hope for the Cubs," Atlanta's senior vice president said. "And I'm going to tell that to Ernie Banks."

GAME 6: History began pounding on the psyche of the Braves when Puckett slammed a Leibbrandt pitch into the left field stands for a 4-3 victory in 11 innings. It forced the last thing in the world a National League team wants to face: Game 7 in the Metrodome.

"They get every break here," Atlanta's Brian Hunter said. "Nobody else gets the breaks but them. And they take full advantage of them."

Center fielder Puckett, who had a sensational catch to go with his homer, could not get to sleep until 5 a.m. after his big hit. He was that wired. "I feel like I've been in a 15-round fight," he said. "I think I'll be sick all winter."

With the win, Morris was the man on the spot. Game 7 was his to start. "I'm not God," he said.

"I'm not infallible. All I can do is try my best. If it is my best, it'll be good enough."

GAME 7: It was.

It started like a heavyweight fight between two weary warriors, Atlanta leadoff batter Smith shaking hands with catcher Harper, whom he had crashed into in Game 4. Then Smith stepped into the batter's box. And it began.

Smoltz was nearly as good as Morris, throwing zeros into the eighth. "I was determined not to break," he said. "Nobody lost this thing. They flat-out won it."

But the Twins needed help, and Smith furnished it in the eighth with a baserunning blunder. He should have scored on Pendleton's double, but lost sight of the ball. Smith was uncertain where the ball was and confused by Minnesota shortstop Greg Gagne and second baseman Chuck Knoblauch, who were faking as if it were a grounder. Smith hesitated fatal seconds at second base and had to stop at third.

Nobody was out but the Braves never did get Smith home. It could have ended 1-0 for Atlanta after nine innings had he scored. Instead, the scoreless duel rumbled into the 10th—the first Game 7 to go extra innings in 67 years.

Refusing Kelly's offer to be relieved, Morris

retired the side in the 10th. He retired the last seven men he faced. Morris looked as if he could have pitched all night. "He did something nobody thought was possible," Smoltz said.

Eyeball to eyeball, the Braves blinked in the bottom of the 10th. Dan Gladden hustled out a scratch double, moved to third and came home when Larkin's fly to left was well beyond a drawn-in outfield.

The Twins had Metrodome another opponent. It left them 8-0 in World Series games in that strange, magical building. The '87 and '91 teams were the only champions in World Series history to win nothing but home games.

The Twin Cities partied late into that Sunday night. The Braves, nearly too exhausted for words, returned home wondering how many times they will look back and say "What if . . . ?"

"I hope I never have to play another Series game here," said Pendleton, a member of the '87 Cardinal team that also died in the Dome. "Unless I'm playing for the Twins."

The Twins had proven the value of grit, of pitching, of the comforts of home. The Braves had come so near to proving that the lowliest could be champions. ■

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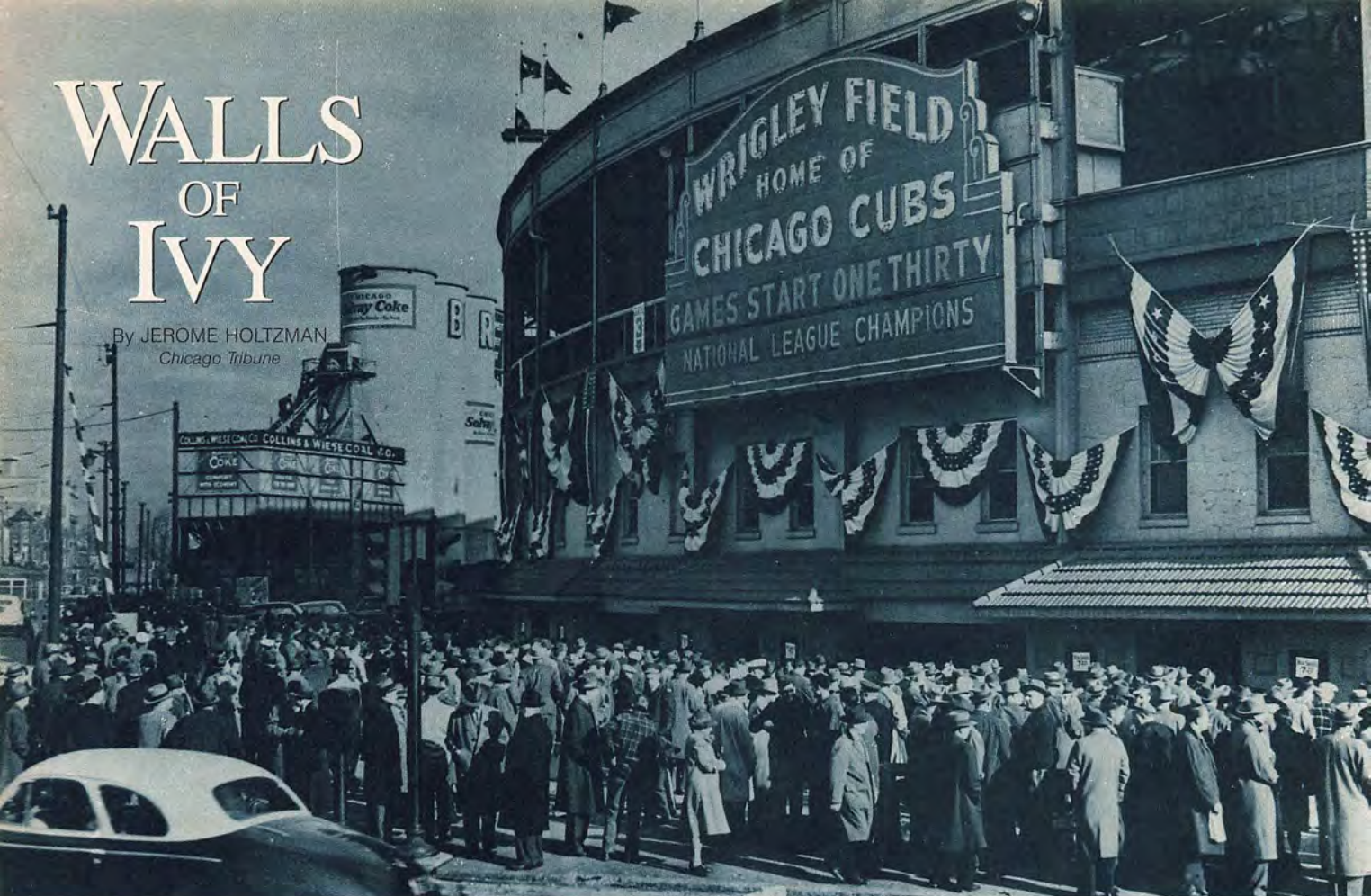
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WALLS OF IVY

By JEROME HOLTZMAN
Chicago Tribune



It was topcoat weather and bunting was draped when the Cubs met Detroit in the 1945 World Series.

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The reactions were varying and significant when the Chicago White Sox and Chicago Cubs were sold in the winter and spring of 1981.

Eddie Einhorn, the new president of the White Sox, embraced Jerry Reinsdorf, his partner, and said, "We have just bought the Chicago market."

Several months later, Cubs board director Andrew McKenna, equally excited, told Stanton Cook, then president of Tribune Company, "You bought Wrigley Field." As McKenna later explained: "Players come and go. Wrigley Field is the attraction."

Einhorn, born and raised in Paterson, N.J., can be forgiven. Market size was his primary consideration. McKenna, a native Chicagoan who had alerted Cook that the Cubs were for sale, had a different understanding of the new possession.

McKenna's sentiments are mine exactly.

I was born on the Southwest Side, a White Sox fan in my youth. When I began covering both clubs (half the season with the Sox, half with the Cubs), I reported the doings of both teams with matching fervor. But early on, I realized the beauty and charm of Wrigley Field. McKenna was right. Wrigley Field is the draw.

Chicago is, of course, the Windy City, and the popular belief is that Wrigley Field is a hitter's paradise, that the wind is always blowing out.

Not true. Every year since 1983, the first year wind trends were charted, the wind has blown in more frequently than originally thought: 34 percent of the time in, 49 percent out; the remaining 17 percent, according to the study, there was a crosswind.

The distances down the lines—355 feet to left, 353 to right—are the longest in the National League. Thus, it is not a good park for a pull hitter. However, the outfield acreage is comparatively small. The longest distance is 400 feet, slightly to the right-field side of dead center. The alleys are short, 368 feet on both sides. Not a huge pasture to cover, which explains why the Cubs have had so many slow-footed outfielders patrol the side fields. Defensive brilliance in center is also a luxury, not a necessity.

The wall is 11½ feet, too high for an outfielder to catch a home run. But the first row of the bleachers is so close that fans formerly could reach out and snare or deflect a drive at or near the top of the wall. Umpires were constantly bedeviled by fan interference and frequent ground-rule doubles when a ball stuck in the vines.

To eliminate doubt on home runs, a basket-like net was attached to the wall. This was in 1970 and coincided with the birth of the so-called Bleacher Bums. It has been beneficial for hitters because the distance is shortened by about

two feet. A ball hit in the basket is a home run.

The hitting background is excellent. The bleacher seats halfway up in center are not for sale and are draped with a green canvas.

When Hack Wilson, the Cubs' 5-6, 190-pound center fielder during the late twenties and early thirties, set the National League home run record of 56 in 1930, he hit 33 in Wrigley Field, 23 on the road. Longtime Cub shortstop Ernie Banks, with 512 career home runs, 12th on the all-time major league list, is second behind Wilson with 30 home runs in one season in Wrigley Field. This was in 1958, the first of two consecutive Most Valuable Player seasons for Banks.

Pitchers don't like to pitch in Wrigley Field, though there have been exceptions. Ferguson Jenkins, inducted into the Hall of Fame last summer, had six consecutive 20-victory seasons when he was with the Cubs, convincing evidence that location, not speed, is the pitcher's primary art.

Not all of the outfielders like to play at Wrigley Field, either. Cubs' left fielder George Bell, who came aboard as a free agent prior to the 1991 season, doesn't appreciate the ivy that decorates the outfield wall. The thorns are painful, Bell explains, and there's no protective padding. Says Bell, "Behind the ivy is a brick wall."

Bell's grievance, supported by the players'

union, was discussed at an owners' meeting in Baltimore last year. Then-Cubs president Don Gresko was advised that padding was virtually compulsory. Wisely, Gresko refused to comply, arguing that to cushion the wall would endanger and possibly destroy the vines. The owners agreed that the ivy should not be disturbed. It is an essential component of the Wrigley Field charm.

The vines give the effect of an enclosed field of green and were planted in 1938 by the late Bill Veeck Jr., at the age of 23. What was Veeck doing at Wrigley Field? His father, William Louis Veeck Sr., a onetime Chicago sports-writer, was the president of the Cubs from 1919-33. The junior Veeck, who later operated three big league clubs, including two terms with the crosstown White Sox, often insisted he was "the only person raised in a ballpark." According to the story, Philip Knight Wrigley, also known as P.K., initially asked Veeck to plant trees. The trees didn't take; the ivy did.

Three generations of Wrigleys presided over the Cubs: William Wrigley Jr., founder of the gum company and the family fortune, gained control in 1919 (he had been an investor and club director since 1916); his son, P.K. Wrigley, from 1932-1977; and P.K.'s son, William, who ended 62 years of family ownership when he sold the club to Tribune Company in May, 1981.

The elder Wrigley was not, however, responsible for the construction of the ballpark eventually named in his honor. Wrigley Field, built in 1914, originally was named Weeghman Park after Charles H. Weeghman, a wealthy Chicagoan also known as "Lucky Charlie," who made his fortune from a chain of fast-food luncheonettes.

In 1914 Weeghman purchased the Chicago franchise in the newly formed rival major league called the Federal League, which proved ill-fated. The city's Federal League club was nicknamed the Whales.

To design his new park, Weeghman hired Zachary Taylor Davis, who four years earlier had been the architect of Comiskey Park, home of the White Sox, hailed at the time as the Baseball Palace of the World. Taylor fashioned Weeghman Park after the Polo Grounds in New York. The original seating capacity was 14,000; the cost was \$250,000.

Ground was broken on March 3, 1914. Seven weeks later, on April 23, the ChiFeds opened the new park with a 9-1 victory over Kansas City. Catcher Art Wilson was the Opening Day hero with three hits, two of them home runs, the first of nine in the three-game series. Disturbed by the close proximity of the left field fence, only 310 feet, Weeghman had the fence moved back 25 feet.

Chicago Tribune sports reporter Sam Weller explained the change in the newspaper's April 28 edition:

"Any athlete who clouts the ball over the left field wall at Weeghman's North Side park this

afternoon when the ChiFeds open a series with Baltimore will have earned a real home run. At least it will take a much harder drive to clear the fence today than it did on Sunday when home runs were hit with such reckless abandon. A squad of laborers moved the wall yesterday, and now the North Side park has a regular left field."

When the Federal League folded after the 1915 season, one club sued the baseball establishment, charging monopoly. As a concession to this unsuccessful antitrust litigation, Weeghman was allowed to purchase the National League Cubs. Short on cash, Weeghman quickly put together a consortium of nine investors, including William Wrigley Jr. Simultaneously, the Cubs were moved from the West Side Grounds into Weeghman's two-year-old ballpark in 1916.

The West Side Grounds, with a capacity of 26,000, had been the Cubs' home field since 1893 and the site of their first four World Series of the modern era. The Cubs had won three pennants in succession, from 1906-1908, and again in 1910. The stars of the three early century teams were Joe Tinker, Johnny Evers, Frank Chance and Mordecai "Three Finger" Brown. Tinker and Brown eventually played in Weeghman Park.

Tinker managed the Chicago Whales in 1915, when they won the Federal League pennant. His immortality had been assured a decade earlier as the shortstop in the Cubs' double-play combination on their 1906-07-08 champions. Evers was the second baseman and Chance the manager-first baseman. The trio became famous when Franklin P. Adams, gifted columnist with the *New York Evening Mail* and ardent Giants fan, wrote a poem that began, "These are the saddest



One of Owner Wrigley's favorites was 1931 manager Hornsby (lifetime average: .358).

of possible words—Tinker to Evers to Chance" and ended, "Words that are weighty with nothing but trouble—Tinker to Evers to Chance."

Weeghman Park became Cubs Park in 1920. Six years later, it was officially named Wrigley Field in honor of the owner. The first of many improvements was made in 1922-23, when the entire grandstand and playing field were moved back approximately 60 feet. This increased seating capacity to 20,000. Construction of the upper deck was completed in 1927, doubling capacity. Ten years later, the bleachers, as they appear now, were built; bleacher seats were elevated purposely to assure visibility of the entire field.

The first game at Wrigley Field (née Weeghman Park), April 23, 1914, drew a fashionable crowd.









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A huge scoreboard was erected high above the center field seats in 1937. It was among baseball's first giant scoreboards and is still operational. It is the only manually operated scoreboard in either league and is also distinguished in that inning-by-inning accounting of other games is provided, though only eight games, four in each league, can be listed at a time. The only concession to the modern age has been the addition of an electronic message board.

Changes have been gradual. Prior to the 1972 season, seats in the lower grandstand were turned toward the plate, affording fans a better view of the hitter; that change also made the seating symmetrical. In 1986, the left and right field catwalk ramps were declared alcohol-free and limited to family and group seating.

Finally, in the biggest concession to the times, lights were added for night games. The first night game was played on Aug. 8, 1988. In a final act of defiance by Mother Nature, there was a torrential downpour, and the game was rained out in the early innings before it could become official. To get civic approval for night baseball, Cub management agreed to an annual limit of 18 night games.

Wrigley Field had been the last bastion of day-time baseball. All of the other big league parks had had lights for the previous 40 years. Although night games have helped boost attendance, not all Cub fans were overjoyed. Many wrote letters to Chicago newspapers saying that the lights would prevent a repeat of Gabby Hartnett's "Homer in the Gloaming," perhaps the most cherished moment in club history.

Hartnett's home run came off Pittsburgh's Mace Brown with two out in the ninth inning and the score tied 5-5 as darkness was descending on Sept. 28, 1938. Not many people saw the ball clear the left field wall. The Cubs clinched the National League pennant three days later. This was a time when they were a genuine power. They won four pennants in a 10-year period. However, the Cubs have not won a World Series since 1908.

There was no problem seeing Banks' 500th career home run; it came in the second inning, May 12, 1970, off Pat Jarvis of the Atlanta Braves. Unlike Hartnett, Banks witnessed his heroic moment. "I felt the ball had a real good chance," Banks said after the game. "Then, when I saw (left fielder) Rico Carty turn and look into the seats, I knew it was in."

There have been other celebrated Wrigley Field home runs. The best-known, nationally, was Babe Ruth's "Called Shot" on Oct. 1, 1932, in the third game of the World Series. I am convinced it was a myth, that Ruth didn't point. Why then has this fiction taken root? Because people gild lilies and sometimes remember seeing things they didn't see.

As the years passed and the legend grew, Ruth added the necessary fuel to keep it alive, insisting (but never too strongly) that he had

pointed toward the center field bleachers. Taped interviews with the Yankee slugger to this effect can be heard on a visit to the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y., which houses many of baseball's most treasured artifacts.

But of the scores of interviews on the subject with Ruth, the one that has the ring of truth was among the first. In the following spring, Hal Totten, a Chicago broadcaster, said: "Babe, people actually now think that when you held out your hand you were pointing to the spot and declaring that's where you were going to hit it. Is that actually a fact?"

The Babe's reply: "Hell, no, it isn't a fact. Only a damned fool would do a thing like that."

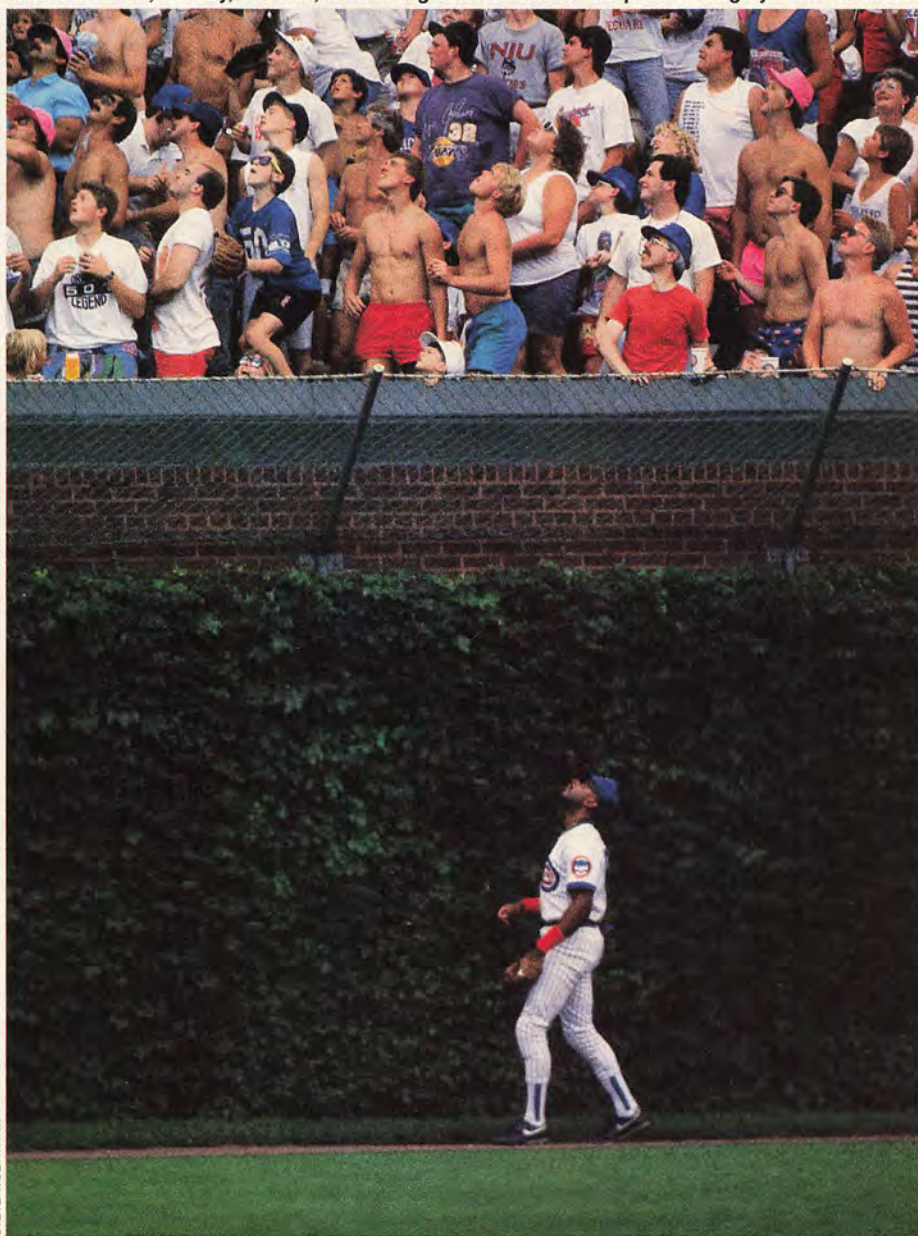
Dozens of other memorable moments have

occurred in Wrigley Field, the home of many baseball immortals. In addition to Banks and Hartnett, there were Billy Williams, Ron Santo, Kiki Cuyler, Dizzy Dean, Riggs "Old Hoss" Stephenson, Burleigh Grimes, Billy Herman, Phil Cavarretta, Rogers Hornsby, Wilson, Jenkins and, lately, Ryne Sandberg and Andre Dawson.

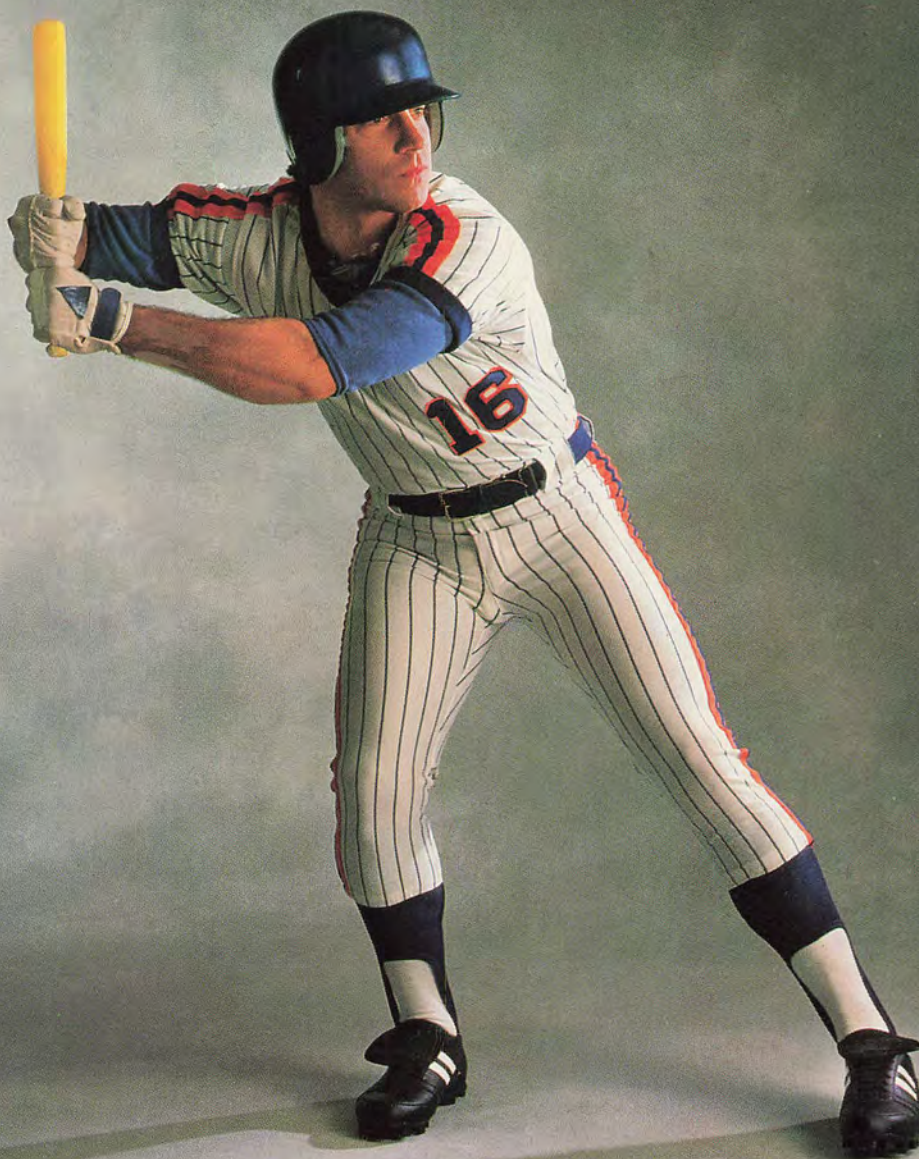
I didn't like the movie *Field of Dreams*. To me, it was overloaded with sentimentality. But if there is such a place, it exists on the North Side of Chicago, at the corner of Clark and Addison.

Thank you, Mr. Weeghman and William Wrigley Jr., son Philip Knight and grandson Bill for maintaining and adding to the charm. ■

The brick wall, the ivy, the net, sweltering bleacher fans—all part of Wrigley Field's charm.



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THE ROAD TO COOPERSTOWN

For Sure: Ryan, Brett, Yount, Smith, Fisk

By KEN SHOULER

Thirteen active players past age 35 have credible chances of receiving the 75 percent vote necessary for election to the Baseball Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, N.Y.

Here's an analysis, starting with five who definitely will be voted in by members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

NOLAN RYAN Texas

The 45-year-old all-time strikeout leader should be a cinch. Ryan owns some of the most impressive—yet peculiar—statistics in the game's history. Despite his rather high ERA of 3.15 and a somewhat mediocre won-lost record (314–278) in 24 major league seasons, no arguments will be heard.

“Ryan would not have been an outstanding candidate except for the last five or six years,” says Jack Lang, executive secretary of the BBWAA. Indeed, since the 1986 season began, Ryan has passed 4,000 and then 5,000 strikeouts. He has pitched his sixth and seventh no-hitters, and has surpassed 300 wins.

GEORGE BRETT Kansas City

Another future Hall of Famer is the man with the Royal swing. Brett, who turns 39 in May, is a certainty once he gets 3,000 hits, a milestone he could reach late this season. Any uncertainty that some might have felt about Brett probably vanished when he won the 1990 American League batting title, his third in as many decades. Brett also should pass the 1,500 mark in runs scored and RBI. He starts the 1992 season with 1,459 in each category (31st all-time in RBI).

In six playoff series, Brett has hit .340 with nine home runs. In two World Series, he has batted .373. Brett is one of the greatest clutch performers of his generation.

Despite advanced baseball age, Ryan fires a fast ball that speeds toward the plate at 95 mph.



THE ROAD TO COOPERSTOWN



Headed for Cooperstown, George Brett already belongs to baseball royalty in Kansas City.

ROBIN YOUNT Milwaukee

The 36-year-old Brewer won't discuss the possibility of his enshrinement in Cooperstown. "That's up to others," Yount says. But this veteran of 18 campaigns should finish the season with 3,000-plus hits. He is a two-time MVP and will be admitted.

Lang is not so sure. "I can't say," he says. Part of Lang's hesitation is that he holds a dif-

ferent view than his colleagues about "automatic" milestones such as 500 home runs, 3,000 hits and 300 wins. "I don't believe in plateaus," says Lang, a member of the BBWAA since 1946 and himself in the writers' wing of the Hall of Fame. "Some voters think there are plateaus which, once achieved, give a player automatic entry. But my criterion is, 'Was he dominant in his era?'"

If Lang is right, then a pitcher like Don Sut-

ton, who won 324 games with five teams, could have trouble when his time comes. Sutton won 20 games just once in his 23-year career.

Incidentally, Lang relishes the privilege of notifying new entries by telephone. He's known among writers as The Good News Man.

Lang acknowledges the prospects of Ryan, Brett and Yount. And this writer argues that their accomplishments easily will earn them favorable votes when the time comes.

OZZIE SMITH St. Louis

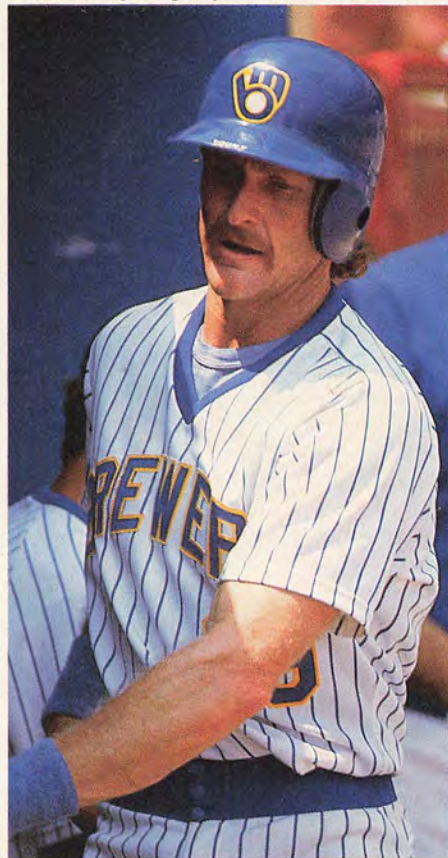
Once the archetype of the good-field, no-hit player, Smith no longer fits that mold. He has amassed 1,955 hits and 499 stolen bases, and he has improved an average of .237 for his first seven years as a major leaguer to a lifetime .258 by batting .278 in the last seven seasons. Many rate him the greatest shortstop in history. Smith, 37, has won 12 straight Gold Gloves in the National League.

Lang, citing Smith's fielding accomplishments, agrees that his credentials are impeccable.

CARLTON FISK Chicago White Sox

Only four players who were primarily catchers have hit over 300 home runs. Fisk, with 372,

Yount isn't young anymore but still delivers.



is one. The others are Johnny Bench (389), Yogi Berra (358) and Gary Carter (319).

If it can be argued that Ryan at 45 is at his best, it's not far from the truth to say the same about Fisk, at 44. He's getting to the plate less, but his slugging average is as high as ever. Moreover, Fisk is perceived as the leader of a team on the rise.

"I think he'll get in, but he'll walk back and forth to the podium so many times he'll slow down the ceremony," Lang says, joking about Fisk's penchant for visiting the pitcher. When Fisk caught Seaver in Chicago, Tom told him, "Don't come out here; I call my own game."

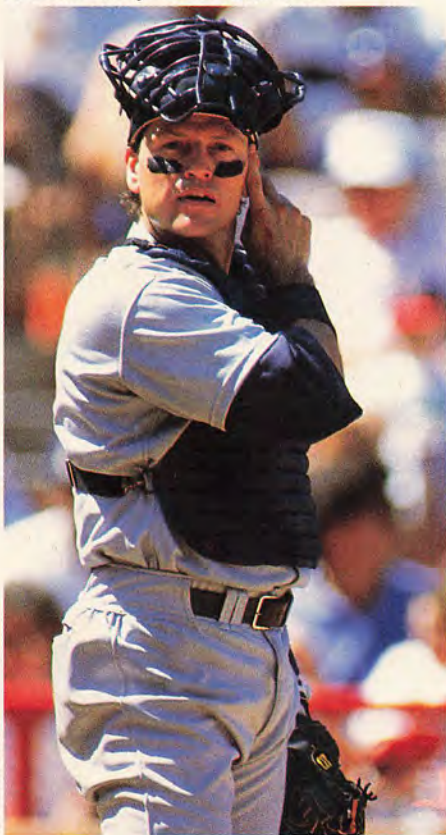
Now I'll mention eight who are closer calls. They are listed here in order of their chances of election.

GARY CARTER Montreal

Though not dominant as long as Fisk, Carter, 38, earns the title as catcher of the 1980s. In that decade, he hit 207 home runs and drove in 800 runs. Don't forget, offensive standards for catchers always are less stringent around voting time. The fact that only four catchers have hit 300 home runs helps Carter immensely.

Says Lang, sardonically, "He was the catcher of the '80s, and he probably shook enough hands to get in."

Fisk has always had all the tools.



EDDIE MURRAY New York Mets

Murray, 36, has achieved just one RBI and one home run title, both earned during the 1981 strike season. But the switch-hitting first baseman should hit close to 500 home runs and amass over 1,800 RBI before he's 40. Murray's current 15-year totals are 398 homers and 1,469 RBI. Odds are that he'll collect 3,000 hits, too, since he already has 2,502. All that should be enough.

DAVE WINFIELD Toronto

Prospects for Winfield, 40, aren't overly bright. He hasn't won a batting or home run title, and never has been an MVP. Even so, lifetime numbers reflect Winfield's power: 406 home runs, 1,602 RBI.

Will the voters elect a player who has been consistent but hasn't reached the summit and hasn't shown the impact to carry a team?

"Not on the first ballot, but maybe those RBI totals will get him in," Lang says. "Billy Williams made it with essentially the same kind of career. Winfield could put up more big numbers before he's through."

This writer says the Hall may elect Winfield, but he doesn't deserve it.

ANDRE DAWSON Chicago Cubs

Cub fans will object if their right fielder is left out of the discussion. Dawson, 38 in July, is approaching 400 home runs. Besides, he has garnered 2,354 hits, stolen 304 bases and exhibited a strong throwing arm. A .186 average in 59 postseason at-bats—with no homers and three RBI—may hurt Dawson, though.

Lang surprised me here: "Dawson will get a lot of intangible support; he's played all this time with those bad knees."

But it seems to the author that Dawson will lose out in close balloting.

DAVE PARKER

The 40-year-old Parker has managed 2,712 hits, an MVP award and two batting titles. The vote should be close, even if Parker doesn't reach 400 home runs, 3,000 hits or a .300 average—totals that persuade voters.

"Very questionable," Lang surmises.

DALE MURPHY Philadelphia

Murphy, 36, is the owner of two straight MVP awards (1982-83). Playing with Atlanta and Philadelphia hasn't given the popular outfielder the visibility of Winfield or Parker, but he might get special consideration. With 396 home runs, Murphy should hit between 450 and 500. Still, he hasn't hit 30 homers or knocked in 90 runs since 1987, so his consistency must be questioned.

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Calling Ahead to the Hall of Fame

FIVE HAVE RESERVATIONS

Player	Years	Age	Remarks
Nolan Ryan	24	45	can't miss
George Brett	19	38	for 3,000 reasons
Robin Yount	18	36	positives aplenty
Ozzie Smith	14	37	will field all objections
Carlton Fisk	22	44	372 home runs

ROOM FOR TWO MORE

Gary Carter	18	38	catcher of the '80s
Eddie Murray	15	36	big numbers

DOUBTFUL

Dave Winfield	18	40	94 shy of 500 home runs
Andre Dawson	16	37	power, speed, great arm

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Dave Parker	19	40	close but no cigar
Dale Murphy	16	36	peaked early
Dwight Evans	20	40	powerful bat and arm
Bert Blyleven	21	40	must emulate Ryan

done a great deal," Lang shrugs. "I don't think so."

DWIGHT EVANS Baltimore

Despite his 385 home runs, despite one of the strongest outfield arms of his time, Evans probably will come up short. Lang considers the 40-year-old Evans' chances "very questionable."

BERT BLYLEVEN

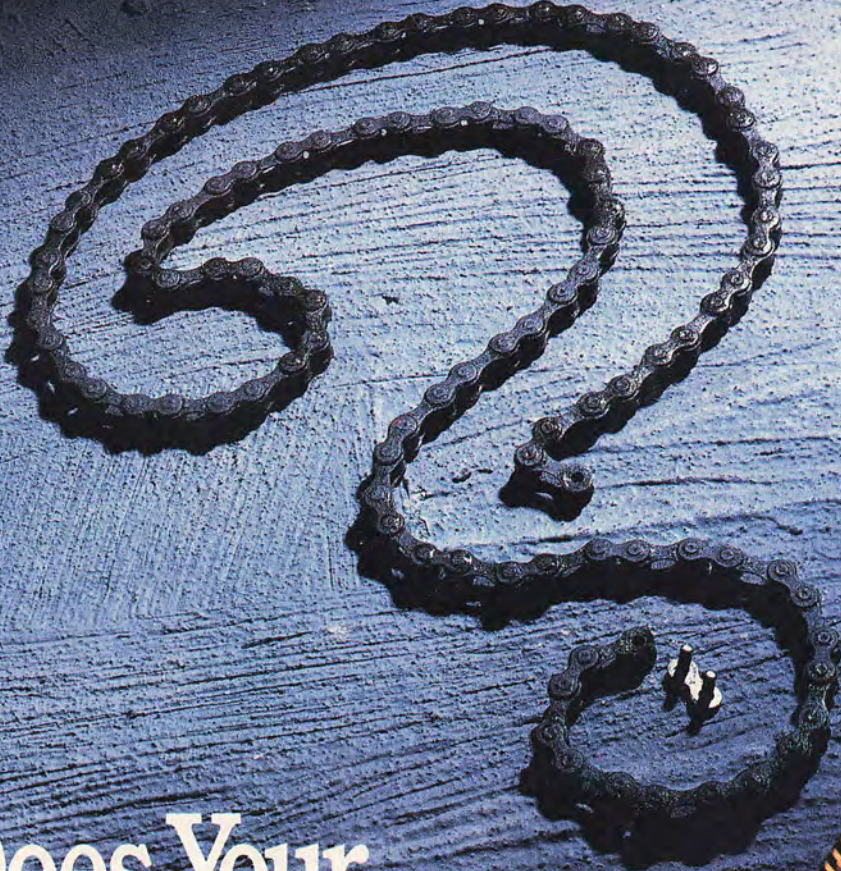
Whether Blyleven enters the Hall depends on several factors. Can he squeeze 21 more wins out of his career, giving him an even 300? Blyleven, 40, is in his 23rd year. He missed all of 1991 after undergoing shoulder surgery last April. Blyleven pitched a no-hitter in 1977 and has worked 60 shutouts, ninth all-time. He owns a 5-1 postseason record and has pitched on two world championship teams.

Blyleven is a power pitcher who ranks fourth on the all-time strikeout list with 3,631, nine behind Seaver. Blyleven has a chance, especially if he gets closer to 300 wins. If he never pitches effectively again, though, he won't be seen in Cooperstown. ■




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His name was Jay Hanna and Jerome Herman, and he was born on Jan. 16, Feb. 22 and Aug. 22, 1911, in Lucas, Ark., Holdenville, Okla., and Bond, Miss.

Best-known as Dizzy Dean, he did not set out to deceive anybody. He just thought it was more fun to give sportswriters different versions of his background so they would each have something exclusive.

Dean had a big mouth, a fun-loving outlook on life and a right arm that dominated the National League for 5½ years. He was a natural showman and a shrewd calculator of his own worth, despite spending more time picking cotton than going to school.

There was nothing deceptive about Dean's pitching, either. He stood on the mound and told hitters what he was going to throw and still struck them out. Then he laughed, which was one reason many players did not care for him. Dean relied mostly on just fogging the ball in there. His fastball seemed to rise, then drop as it crossed the plate.

"I don't throw curves 'less I have to," Dizzy explained.

But no pitcher could win 120 games from 1932 to 1936, when the league batting average was .275 or better, with nothing but a fastball. Dean had two other keys to success: a confounding change of pace and control. One of every nine starts was a shutout, and he averaged less than two walks per game.

Babe Herman said Dean had the best change-up he ever saw.

"The Cardinals were leading the Pirates 1-0 one day, and Pittsburgh had the bases loaded with no outs," Herman said. "Diz threw five or six pitches to warm up, and (manager) Frankie Frisch called him in.

"Paul Waner, Arky Vaughan and I were coming up. He struck out all three of us with his change-up. He'd throw the arm and body and everything at you. Every pitch was perfect, low and on the outside."

Dean was an excellent fielder and a .225 hitter. A workhorse, he averaged over 300 innings pitched during that five-year period with St. Louis. He had long, slender arms with flat muscles and a smooth, easy motion. He was ready to start twice in a crucial four-game series and relieve in the other two. In 1934 he finished the season pitching six complete games in 14 days and won five of them, giving up eight runs. Too much strain on the arm? He worked

Dizzy

Bigger Than Life, He Was the Dean Of a Madcap Team

By NORMAN L. MACHT

more than 300 innings each of the next two years.

In a way, it was Dean's eagerness to pitch that finished his career at age 26. Picked to start the 1937 All-Star Game in Washington, Diz commanded more news space deciding whether to show up for or skip the game than the rest of the All-Stars combined. At the last minute he flew to Washington, saying shucks, he'd always intended to be there, but this was the only way he could avoid the long, hot train ride from St. Louis.

If Dean had stayed home, Earl Averill's line drive would not have broken his right toe. If Dean had then taken the rest of the year off, he might have gone on to win 350 to 400 games. But he didn't. His arm felt great. Anxious to get back into action, he changed his delivery to keep pressure off the toe. That shifted the stress on his shoulder muscles. They couldn't take it.

To Diz, baseball was fun because life was fun. But for all his clowning, there was no fiercer competitor. He loved to brush back hitters and send them sprawling in the dirt.

One day at the Polo Grounds in New York, Dick Bartell hit a home run off Dean for a 2-1 Giants victory.

"While I was circling the bases Diz chased me all around the infield, calling me everything he could think of,"

Bartell said. "He yelled, 'I'm going to stick one in your ear the next time I pitch against you.' And I'd be expecting it, whether he did it or not."

On May 19, 1937, against the Giants in St. Louis, Dean sparked one of baseball's greatest brawls.

Players didn't charge the mound after "knockdown" pitches in those days; they took them as part of the game. But when Jimmy Ripple was the seventh batter to go down, the Giants had had enough. Dean and Ripple locked horns at first base after the latter's bunt. The field immediately filled with tussling players, and fans leaped from the stands to join in, while a ring of policemen stood with the umpires and let the steam dissipate. When order was restored, Diz went back to the mound and hit the next batter.

However, Dean never threw at a fellow pitcher nor a former teammate.

Dean was larger than life and he worked at the image. He enjoyed sitting in on other teams' pregame meetings, telling them how to pitch to Cardinal hitters, and how he would pitch that day. Diz was the essence of the Gas House Gang. With Pepper Martin, another well-known free spirit, he built a bonfire in front of the dugout when it was 110 in the shade and sat by it wrapped in an Indian blanket. Dressed as painters, Dean and Martin invaded a formal banquet in a Philadelphia hotel and started moving furniture to redecorate the place. They entered calf-roping contests at rodeos and raced midget autos on game days, wrestled in the clubhouse and made hillbilly music together. Taking exception to a writer's comments that he was washed up, Diz started a fight in a Tampa hotel lobby that left the place looking as if a hurricane had hit it.

Sportswriter Bob Considine said of him: "In Dizzy Dean there resides the last great vibrant spirit of baseball. He has the arrogance of Cobb, the inspired daftness of Waddell, the fuzzy whimsy of Germany Schaefer and the strut of the early Ruth. He is a throwback to the kind of ball player who built the stadiums and made the sport the national game. He is petty and often spectacularly mulish, but he is a definite personality; and when he walks across the ball field, you never mistake him for another."

Many players, including teammates, found him hard to take. Fans booed him, but Diz didn't care as long as they went through the turnstiles. He was brash, loud, boastful, crude, swaggering and vain. His natural splayfooted plowboy's walk made him seem to be strutting.



"Me and Paul": the Deans (Dizzy on right) won 49 games for the 1934 Cardinals.

In the beginning Dean had no concept of money. As a rookie in 1930 in St. Joseph, Mo., he rented rooms in three different hotels. In spring training the next year the Cardinals doled out a dollar a day to him and cut off his credit around town. Diz boasted he would win 30 for them and was shocked and hurt upon being sent down to Houston, then in the Texas League.

"That's the first time a team ever lost 30 games in one day," a wag quipped. Dean won 26 games at Houston and got married. His wife, Pat, saved \$1,200 of his \$3,000 salary.

Diz acquired financial shrewdness. In September of 1934 the Cardinals seemed out of the pennant race. Dizzy and his brother Paul signed a vaudeville contract for \$900 a week. But Diz had a clause added stipulating that if St. Louis should win the pennant, the deal was off. The Cardinals won, and the brothers signed a new contract for \$5,000 a week.

The 1934 season showcased the quintessential Dean. He had bragged on his younger brother until the Cardinals signed him. "Me and Paul will win 45 games this year," Diz said. They won 49. Diz was 30-7; he started 33 and relieved in 17. Paul finished 19-11.

On Sept. 21 in Brooklyn, Diz beat the Dodgers 13-0 with a three-hitter in the first game of a double-header. In the second game Paul pitched a no-hitter, winning 3-0.

"Shucks," Diz said afterward, "if I'd knowed Paul was going to do that, I'da done it, too."

In the World Series against Detroit, Diz won the opener. Paul won Game 3. In Game 4 Diz made headlines even when he didn't pitch. Frisch sent him to first base as a pinch runner in the fourth inning. On a double play attempt, Detroit shortstop Billy Rogell's throw to first hit Dean in the head and knocked him cold. He was carried from the field. The incident was good for a rash of jokes ("I felt a little dizzy," Dean said. "How could you tell?" he was asked). The next day Diz gave up six hits in eight innings and lost 3-1. Then Paul knotted the series in Game 6.

St. Louis broadcaster France Laux was the series announcer for CBS.

"Frisch didn't know who to pitch in the seventh game at Detroit," Laux recalled. "Everybody was in the clubhouse meeting except Diz, who was watching the Tigers' batting practice. Just as Frisch decided that Bill Hallahan would start, in strode old Diz. He says, 'Franko, what's going on?' Frisch told him, and Diz said, 'If you want to win, I'm pitching.' That settled it.

"Diz went out on the field and bumped into the Tigers' slugging first baseman, Hank Greenberg. 'Hank,' he says, 'I'm pitching. You know what that means; you won't get a foul this afternoon.'

"First time up, Greenberg strikes out on three pitches," Laux continued. "As he walks back to the bench, Diz comes over to the foul line and yells, 'What did I tell you?' Next time up Hank

fouls one off but fans on four pitches. By Greenberg's third time up, the Cardinals are leading 9-0. Diz keeps shaking off the catcher's signs. This finally leads to a conference involving catcher Bill DeLancey, Dean and Frisch. Diz says, 'Franko, they tell me if you pitch to Greenberg high and inside, he can hit it a mile.' Frisch agrees. Diz says, 'I don't think he can do it off me.' There's no stopping Diz. He fires one high and inside, and Greenberg hits it as hard as any ball I ever saw. But it curves foul by about a foot. Diz turns to Frisch and says, 'Franko, by golly, you're right. He *can* do it.' "

Diz won 28 in 1935 and Paul won 19. But the Cubs won the pennant. The next spring the Cardinals cut Diz's salary to \$18,000; "Me and Paul" held out for \$40,000 but did not get it. Diz was 24-13 in '36, but Paul's arm died and he broke even in 10 decisions. The Gas House Gang was running out of gas.

Despite Dean's well-publicized shoulder problems after the All-Star Game injury, Cubs owner Phil Wrigley shelled out \$185,000 and two players for him. Pitching more with his head and heart, Diz won seven and lost one as Chicago won the 1938 pennant. In game 2 of the World Series, Dean led the New York Yankees 3-2 after seven innings. In the dugout he told manager Gabby Hartnett, "You've got to take me out. I want to beat those guys but my arm is gone."

Hartnett pleaded with Dean to continue. The manager was worried about the reaction of Chicago fans if he pulled Dean and a reliever lost the game.

"I'm telling you they'll knock me all over the lot," Diz said. "If they don't, they're blind. The arm weighs a ton. But it's up to you."

"Diz, I know your arm hurts," Hartnett replied, "but we've got to win or lose with you."

Dizzy gave his manager, Frank Frisch, fits.



Dean had plenty to be boastful about.

In the eighth inning George Selkirk singled and Frank Crosetti hit a two-out homer. In the ninth Joe DiMaggio hit Dean's nothing ball over the wall with Tommy Henrich aboard before Larry French came in and finished the game.

Dean won six games in 1939 and three in 1940. He talked about making a comeback but he never did. He became a baseball radio announcer after leaving the Cubs. In 1947 Dizzy came down out of the broadcast booth to start a game for the St. Louis Browns, pitched four scoreless innings in which he gave up three hits and was 1-for-1 at the plate.

In one way Dean did deceive the public. He was an actor, playing the role of an illiterate bumpkin. He appeared at state fairs wearing a big, white cowboy hat and calling out, "Howdy, pardner." He was a hustler on the golf course and usually managed to win by one stroke to whet his victim's appetite for another match.

On the air Diz sang "The Wabash Cannonball" and mangled grammar while coining his own version of the King's English. He got more headlines when Missouri teachers protested the example he was setting for students. Former major league infielder Buddy Blattner, Dean's partner for seven years on "The Game of the Week," said it was all an act.

One day Dean was working a game with Laux. On a play at third Diz announced, "He slid into third and was out." Then he turned to Laux and, still on the air, said, "I shoulda said 'slud,' shouldn't I?" From then on, it was "slud."

The fans loved it, and it certainly was fun to hear about the sad play of the Browns the way Diz described it.

Elected to the Hall of Fame in 1953, Dean has the fewest wins (150) of any pitcher in the Hall, but he is by no means the least-deserving. In addition to his fastball, Diz was never dull. Baseball has missed him since his death on July 17, 1974. ■

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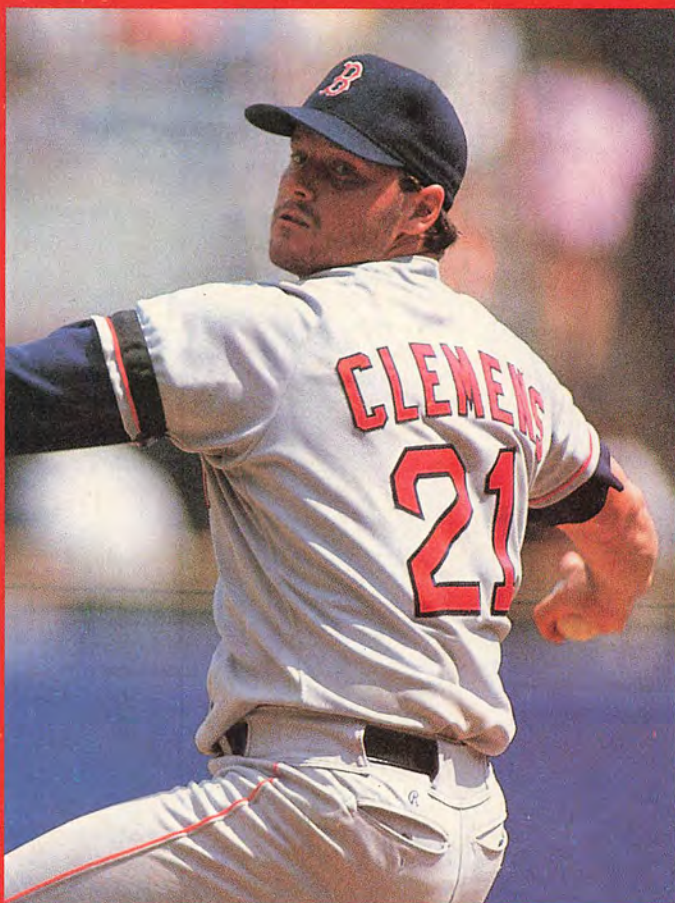


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By BOB ELLIOTT
Toronto Sun

When the Toronto Blue Jays are in their hour of need, Pat Gillick, executive vice president of baseball operations, can be counted on to plug the hole.

Exhibit A: To solidify the Blue Jays' starting pitching for the defense of their title in the American League East, Gillick signed free agent Jack Morris, the World Series MVP for Minnesota, a few days before Christmas.

Morris, who beat the Blue Jays twice in the AL Championship Series last October, signed a two-year contract worth \$10.85 million.

The 36-year-old right-hander (18-12, 3.43) won two games in the World Series, too. Morris defeated Atlanta 1-0 in 10 innings in Game 7 for the championship. He fills the void on the Toronto staff that resulted when Tom Candiotti, also a free agent, signed with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

The Blue Jays failed to win the pennant after taking the division title for the third time in the last seven years. Nevertheless, 1991 was a season to remember.

Toronto set a major league attendance record as 4,001,527 fans jammed the SkyDome. In ad-

dition, the organization hosted the All-Star Game for the first time.

The Blue Jays survived on pitching all season and then couldn't get a quality start in five play-off games. Toronto is paying Morris to help change the club's luck in the LCS.

STARTING PITCHING

The acquisition of Morris gives the Blue Jays four quality right-handed starters, assuming Dave Stieb joins the rotation sometime this spring.

Juan Guzman (10-3, 2.99) wasn't even on the 40-man roster when last season began. But after relievers Jim Acker, Willie Fraser and Mike Timlin tried to fill in as emergency replacements when Stieb was injured, and Denis Boucher (1-7, 6.05) was demoted, Guzman was recalled.

The scouting report was: "hard thrower, wild, can't field." Guzman looked all of that in his first two starts, both losses. He walked six in 8 2/3 innings on his way to allowing eight earned runs. But he didn't lose again when it mattered. Guzman lived up to the high ratings Toronto scouts had given him when he was obtained from the Dodgers in a 1987 trade. Guzman won 10 straight games before losing after the division title was clinched. He was runner-up for Rookie of the Year.

Probable Opening Day Lineup

Devon White	CF
Roberto Alomar	2B
Joe Carter	LF
Kelly Gruber	3B
John Olerud	1B
Candy Maldonado	DH
Pat Borders	C
Derek Bell	RF
Eddie Zosky	SS
Juan Guzman	P

Candiotti (13-13, 2.65 for Cleveland and Toronto) recorded only six wins, but aside from a start against California after taking novocaine for a throbbing toothache, he was consistent. In 34 starts with the Indians and Blue Jays, Candiotti pitched seven innings or more 24 times. He had 27 quality starts.

Candiotti's knuckler should baffle National League hitters this season. He signed a four-year, \$15.5 million deal with the Dodgers.

While Guzman emerged from the shadows, so did Todd Stottlemyre. He came into the year eight games under .500 and had never had a winning record with Toronto. Stottlemyre was 9-3 at the All-Star break and finished 15-8 with a 3.78 ERA. After his second straight 200-inning, 100-strikeout season; the hard thrower was in fine shape heading into arbitration for the first time.



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Stieb (4-3, 3.17) dropped a 2-1 decision May 22 in Oakland and dropped out of sight. He was upended covering first base and missed his next start because of shoulder pain. The pain spread to his back, then to the leg, and Stieb never pitched again last year because of a herniated disc. He underwent back surgery in December.

Veteran left-hander Jimmy Key (16-12, 3.05) was solid. Like Stottlemyre, he started fast, winning his 10th game on June 13. Key went 6-8 in the second half. Surprisingly, he had a losing record (7-8) at the SkyDome.

With Stieb possibly not available until May, candidates for the fifth spot in the rotation include right-handers Timlin (11-6, 3.16), who started three games in '91, Pat Hentgen (8-9, 4.47 at triple-A Syracuse) and David Weathers (1-0, 4.91 with the Blue Jays and 10-7, 2.45 at double-A Knoxville).

RELIEF PITCHING

Although Toronto's pitching staff posted the lowest ERA in the league (3.50), pitchers completed just 10 games. Only three teams had fewer complete games.

Closer Tom Henke missed five weeks because of a pulled groin muscle and pitched only twice after Sept. 17 (tendinitis). Still, he wound up saving 32 of 35 opportunities.

Yet it was Duane Ward (7-6, 2.77), not Guzman nor Candiotti, who received club Pitcher of the Year honors. Offered a starter's role in the spring, Ward said he would prefer to be in the bullpen. He stepped into the breach and saved 23 of 25 attempts.

Timlin, who tied for the league lead in relief wins with Mike Henneman of Detroit, suffered from a tired arm in August and underwent arthroscopic surgery in November. He gives the Blue Jays flexibility as either a starter or setup man.

With Ken Dayley (dizziness) still doubtful, Bob MacDonald (3-3, 2.85) will be the left-hander out of the bullpen unless the Jays settle on Vince Horsman (4-1, 2.34 at Knoxville).

CATCHING

Pat Borders (.244-5-36) and Greg Myers (.262-8-36) platooned until batting coach Gene Tenace succeeded Cito Gaston as interim man-

ager for a 33-game stretch on Aug. 21. Gaston was out with a back ailment. Borders became the No. 1 catcher, starting 11 of the final 12 games until the Jays clinched.

After 15 home runs in '90, Borders stumbled through a mediocre year. He started the season hitless in his first 21 at-bats. Still, he's the No. 1 catcher after throwing out 35 percent (22 of 64) of would-be base stealers.

Myers batted 18 points higher than Borders, but Myers' defensive performance slipped as he threw out only 18 percent (14 of 78) of base runners. In his best-worst week, Myers' wife gave birth to a son; he was charged with a passed ball for the tying run against Kansas City, and his throwing error led to the winning run in the 10th inning; and he got his first hit off Nolan Ryan: a home run—all in a matter of days.

Both Borders and Myers struggled with Candiotti's knucklers. Candiotti told friends he wouldn't return unless a trade was made for a catcher.

INFIELD

Second baseman Roberto Alomar finished second in stolen bases to Rickey Henderson of Oakland with 53 (17 of third base). Alomar (.295-9-69) also stole numerous hits with brilliant defense on his way to Toronto Player of the Year honors. He won his first Gold Glove.

The switch-hitter homered from each side of



ROBERTO ALOMAR

the plate in a game against the Chicago White Sox. He achieved career highs in average (tying his .295 with San Diego in 1989), RBI, stolen bases, hits (188), doubles (41), triples (11), and home runs (tying his nine of '88).

Toronto coaches complained about first baseman John Olerud's (.256-17-68) lack of aggressiveness. Still, he came a long way from June 13 when his average was .203. And he improved on defense.

Kelly Gruber's (.252-20-65) year can best be forgotten. Early in the season, Gruber, 1990 AL All-Star third baseman, suffered a thumb injury that caused him to miss six weeks.

Shortstop Manuel Lee (.234) enjoyed an excellent first half. He batted .257 at the All-Star break, but in the second half, bothered by injury, he batted .202 and finished with 107 strikeouts in 445 at-bats.

Eddie Zosky, No. 1 draft pick in '89, has a much stronger arm but doesn't have Lee's range. Zosky hit .264 at Syracuse, committing 24 errors. He batted .148 in limited time for the Blue Jays after being recalled in September and will battle Lee for the starting job.

OUTFIELD

Joe Carter (.273-33-108) was acquired in a trade with San Diego to drive in runs. He became the first player to drive in 100 runs three straight years for three different teams.

The right-handed batter had the right to ask for a trade since he was dealt during a long-term contract but decided against it. Carter split time between right and left field. He carries into the season the second-longest consecutive-game streak by an active player: 505 games.

Carter came to Toronto as advertised, but center fielder Devon White, like Alomar, was more than the Jays expected. White earned a Gold Glove, making one error in 448 chances. His .998 fielding percentage was the highest in the American League by an outfielder. In a private poll of players, White ranked neck and neck with Alomar as club Player of the Year.

Either 40-year-old Dave Winfield or 23-year-old rookie Derek Bell will start in right field. Winfield (.262-28-86 in 150 games for California last year) signed as a free agent for one year at a salary of \$2.3 million.

Bell, *Baseball America's* Minor League Player of the Year, earned his chance at Syracuse, where he batted .346 with 13 home runs and 93 RBI. He had 22 doubles, 12 triples and 27 stolen bases. In limited time with the Jays, Bell hit .143 in 28 at-bats after being called up late in the season.

BENCH

The Blue Jays were last in the league in home runs and RBI by designated hitters. Candy Maldonado likely will handle that job.

Off the bench will come the left-handed, right-handed pinch-hitting combo of Rance Mulliniks and Pat Tabler. ■

BLUE JAYS LEADERS '91

Avg.	Alomar .295	HR	Carter 33	RBI	Carter 108	SB	Alomar 53
ERA	Henke 2.32	Wins	Key 16	K's	Candiotti 167	Saves	Henke 32

PITCHERS

No.	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1991 Club	G	IP	W-L	Sv	ERA	
46	Dayley, Ken	L-L	6-0	180	2-25-59	Toronto	8	4.1	0-0	0	6.23
					Syracuse AAA	10	14.0	0-1	1	9.64	
					Dunedin A	3	6.0	0-0	0	0.00	
66	Guzman, Juan	R-R	5-11	195	10-28-66	Toronto	23	138.2	10-3	0	2.99
					Syracuse AAA	12	67.0	4-5	0	4.03	
50	Henke, Tom	R-R	6-5	225	12-21-57	Toronto	49	50.1	0-2	32	2.32
41	Hentgen, Pat	R-R	6-2	200	11-13-68	Toronto	3	7.1	0-0	0	2.45
					Syracuse AAA	31	171.0	8-9	0	4.47	
26	Horsman, Vince	R-L	6-2	180	3-9-67	Toronto	4	4.0	0-0	0	0.00
					Knoxville AA	42	80.2	4-1	3	2.34	
22	Key, Jimmy	R-L	6-1	185	4-22-61	Toronto	33	209.1	16-12	0	3.05
28	Leiter, Al	L-L	6-3	215	10-23-65	Toronto	3	1.2	0-0	0	27.00
					Dunedin A	4	9.2	0-0	0	1.86	
45	MacDonald, Bob	L-L	6-3	208	4-27-65	Toronto	45	53.2	3-3	0	2.85
					Syracuse AAA	7	6.0	1-0	1	4.50	
47	Morris, Jack	R-R	6-3	200	5-16-55	Minnesota	35	246.2	18-12	0	3.43
37	Stieb, Dave	R-R	6-1	195	7-22-57	Toronto	9	59.2	4-3	0	3.17
30	Stottlemire, Todd	L-R	6-3	195	5-20-65	Toronto	34	219.0	15-8	0	3.78
40	Timlin, Mike	R-R	6-4	205	3-10-66	Toronto	63	108.1	11-6	3	3.16
52	Tricek, Ricky	R-R	6-3	200	4-26-69	Knoxville AA	41	51.1	2-5	16	2.45
31	Ward, Duane	R-R	6-4	215	5-28-64	Toronto	81	107.1	7-6	23	2.77
53	Weathers, Dave	R-R	6-3	205	9-25-69	Toronto	15	14.2	1-0	0	4.91
					Knoxville AA	24	139.1	10-7	0	2.45	
36	Wells, David	L-L	6-4	225	5-20-63	Toronto	40	198.1	15-10	1	3.72

CATCHERS

10	Borders, Pat	R-R	6-2	200	5-14-63	Toronto	105	291	.244	5	36	0
27	Knorr, Randy	R-R	6-2	205	11-12-68	Toronto	3	1	.000	0	0	0
						Syracuse AAA	91	342	.260	5	44	1
						Knoxville AA	24	74	.176	0	4	2
21	Myers, Greg	L-R	6-2	205	4-14-66	Toronto	107	309	.262	8	36	0

INFELDERS

12	Alomar, Roberto	S-R	6-0	185	2-5-68	Toronto	161	637	.295	9	69	53
17	Gruber, Kelly	R-R	6-0	185	2-26-62	Toronto	113	429	.252	20	65	12
11	Kent, Jeff	R-R	6-1	185	3-7-68	Knoxville AA	139	445	.256	12	61	25
4	Lee, Manuel	S-R	5-9	166	6-17-65	Toronto	138	445	.234	0	29	7
19	Martinez, Domingo	R-R	6-2	215	8-4-67	Syracuse AAA	126	467	.313	17	83	6
5	Mulliniks, Rance	L-R	6-0	175	1-15-56	Toronto	97	240	.250	2	24	0
9	Olerud, John	L-L	6-5	218	8-5-68	Toronto	139	454	.256	17	68	0
16	Quinlan, Tom	R-R	6-3	210	3-27-68	Syracuse AAA	132	466	.240	10	49	9
33	Sprague, Ed	R-R	6-2	215	7-25-67	Toronto	61	160	.275	4	20	0
						Syracuse AAA	23	88	.364	5	25	2
15	Tabler, Pat	R-R	6-2	200	2-2-58	Toronto	82	185	.216	1	21	0
1	Zosky, Eddie	R-R	6-0	175	2-10-68	Toronto	18	27	.148	0	2	0
						Syracuse AAA	119	511	.264	6	39	9

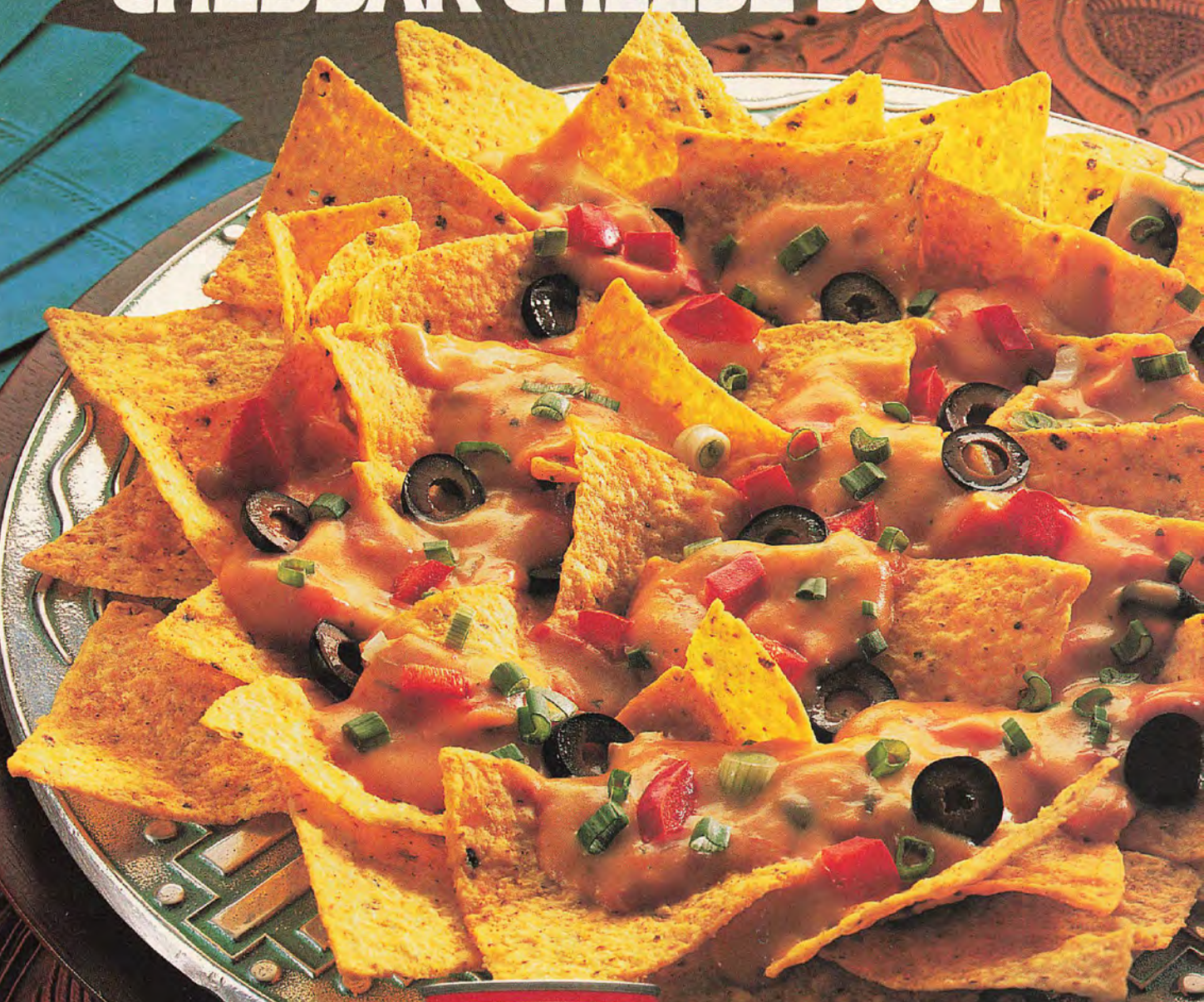
OUTFIELDERS

14	Bell, Derek	R-R	6-2	200	12-11-68	Toronto	18	28	.143	0	1	3
						Syracuse AAA	119	457	.346	13	93	27
29	Carter, Joe	R-R	6-3	225	3-7-60	Toronto	162	638	.273	33	108	20
20	Ducey, Rob	L-R	6-2	180	5-24-65	Toronto	39	68	.235	1	4	2
						Syracuse AAA	72	266	.293	8	40	5
23	Maldonado, Candy	R-R	6-0	195	10-5-60	Toronto	52	177	.277	7	28	3
						Milwaukee	34	111	.207	5	20	1
51	Perez, Robert	R-R	6-3	195	6-4-69	Syracuse AAA	4	20	.200	0	1	0
						Dunedin A	127	480	.302	4	50	8
54	Thompson, Ryan	R-R	6-3	200	11-4-67	Knoxville AA	114	403	.241	8	40	17
24	Ward, Turner	S-R	6-2	200	4-11-65	Toronto	8	13	.308	0	2	0
						Syracuse AAA	59	218	.330	7	32	9
19	White, Devon	S-R	6-2	182	12-29-62	Toronto	156	642	.282	17	60	33
52	Wilson, Nigel	L-L	6-1	185	1-12-70	Dunedin A	119	455	.301	12	55	27
32	Winfield, Dave	R-R	6-6	246	10-3-51	California	150	568	.262	28	86	7

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By DAN SHAUGHNESSY
The Boston Globe

The Red Sox have not won a World Series since 1918. A string of near misses dogs this franchise, and in 1991 the Red Sox were within one strike of a first-place tie with two weeks to play when the Yankees' Roberto Kelly drove a Jeff Reardon fastball into the net. The Red Sox went on to lose 11 of their last 14 and finish in a second-place tie in the American League East, seven games behind Toronto.

As always, folks in Boston believe that this year will be different. The Red Sox have one of the biggest payrolls in baseball (\$32.8 million in 1991), one of the best pitchers in baseball (Roger Clemens), a stack of young talent and several players who hope to bounce back from injury-marred or sub-par seasons.

The 1991 Red Sox roared back from an 11½-game deficit, winning 31 of 41 games before the Roberto Kelly moment. Fenway Park fans (Boston drew a franchise-record 2,562,438) were buoyed by the August-September comeback fired by Clemens and a young-gun outfielder named Phil Plantier.

As always, the Red Sox were busy in the off-season. The 1992 edition features a new manager, Butch Hobson, and new coaches Don Zimmer, Rick Burleson, Rich Gale and Gary Allenson. GM Lou Gorman also added more firepower to the pitching staff when he signed Frank Viola to a three-year, \$13.9 million contract in December.

The Red Sox in '91 were around the middle of the pack in almost every offensive and defensive category. They were seventh in runs and seventh in earned run average. They were 13th in stolen bases (59, beating only Baltimore's 50). They play one base at a time. They have no speed, their defense is ordinary, the bullpen is suspect, and there's no depth of starters after Clemens. For all their marquee players, the Red Sox lack the ingredients of most championship-caliber clubs.

Boston almost always contends, though. Since 1967, the Red Sox have been under .500 only twice. Given the mediocrity of the AL East, Boston should stay in the hunt again this season, but the Red Sox are getting old and bring a flawed team to Winter Haven.

Probable Opening Day Lineup

Wade Boggs	3B
Jody Reed	2B
Phil Plantier	RF
Jack Clark	DH
Mike Greenwell	LF
Mo Vaughn	1B
Ellis Burks	CF
Tim Lincecum	SS
Tony Pena	C
Roger Clemens	P



ROGER CLEMENS

STARTING PITCHING

Pitching is the reason that the Red Sox haven't won a World Series in 74 years, but the addition of Viola, who was MVP in the 1987 Series with the Minnesota Twins, might make the difference. Viola, who had been with the New York Mets the last three seasons, won the Cy Young Award in 1988. He was 13-15, 3.97 last year on a team that finished 20½ games out of first place in the National League East.

Clemens weighed in with his usual 18-10 while leading the league in ERA (2.62), innings (271½), shutouts (four) and strikeouts (241). He won his third Cy Young Award in the past six years.

In the winter of 1990-91, Danny Darwin and Matt Young were hired to be Boston's No. 2 and 3 starters. Those were disastrous signings. Last season Darwin and Young were paid more than \$5 million combined and won only six games between them. Darwin tore his rotator cuff and missed most of the season. Though he's 36 years old and has never won 10 games as a starter, the Sox are confident that Darwin will come back to establish himself in 1992.

Young also spent much of last season on the disabled list with a torn rotator cuff. He finished 3-7 with a 5.18 ERA in 19 games (16 starts) and was not given the baseball in any of Boston's final 13 games.

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WADE BOGGS

Left-hander Joe Hesketh, who agreed to a two-year, \$3.55 million contract, easily was Boston's second-best starter in 1991. Hesketh went 12-4 with a 3.29 ERA.

Rookies Mike Gardiner (right-hander) and Kevin Morton (lefty) pitched in a lot of pressure games after being called up from triple-A Pawtucket last season. They finished an aggregate 15-15. Neither pitcher throws hard and neither is a reliable No. 2 starter. Not yet.

Greg Harris, Dana Kiecker and Tom Bolton were solid starters for Boston in the division-winning season of 1990, but all three tailed off in '91 with 11-12, 2-3 and 8-9 records respectively. That's why Gorman went into the hot stove season looking for more pitching. There doesn't seem to be much help in the minors unless Josias Manzanillo matures. Right-hander John Dopson had major elbow surgery and is a long-shot comeback prospect.

RELIEF PITCHING

Boston's bullpen did the job for most of 1991 but failed down the stretch. The 36-year-old Reardon had 40 saves but five times was beaten by home runs in the ninth inning or in extra innings. Reardon is one of the great closers in baseball history and may be bound for the Hall of Fame, but he's getting a little long in the tooth, and he gave up nine homers in 59½ innings. He did not have a save in the final three weeks.

Left-hander Tony Fossas did a nice job as a one-batter specialist, but the Sox bullpen was deeply wounded when right-handed setup man Jeff Gray suffered a stroke in the clubhouse in the middle of the summer. Gray never returned, and the Sox can't count on him in 1992. Right-

hander Dennis Lamp gives up too many runs. Harris did a creditable job when he moved to the pen, but the same cannot be said of Bolton and Kiecker.

Veteran right-hander Dan Petry was a good late-season pickup and probably will get a long look this spring. Rookies Jeff Plympton and Daryl Irvine are long-relief contenders. If the Red Sox magically come up with enough starters, Darwin would be an ideal addition to the beleaguered pen. Paul Quantrill and 6-7 Peter Hoy are bullpen sleepers in the organization.

CATCHING

Tony Pena batted only .231 in 1991, lowering his lifetime average from .273 to .269, but his defense hasn't suffered. Pena is 34 and in the final year of his contract. He may get more rest from John Marzano, a Clemens favorite who hit .263. Rookies Eric Wedge and Todd Pratt provide a little depth at the position.

INFIELD

Wade Boggs is set at third. Boggs is a 10-5 man (having been a major leaguer 10 years and five with the same club, he can veto a trade) and is unlikely ever to leave friendly Fenway. He hit a robust .332 and had one of his better seasons in the field. Third base prospect Scott Cooper came up in September and looked ready, but Boggs, 33, isn't moving to first base for a few more years. The Red Sox would best be served by trying Cooper at short and letting him battle it out with Tim Lincecum (returning from back surgery) and incumbent Luis Rivera (24 errors). Shortstop Frank Rodriguez, Boston's top pick in the 1990 amateur draft, is considered to be about a year and a half away.

Jody Reed is the second baseman. He has good range (especially to his left) and is always

Hobson Played for Bryant—Enough Said

The pressure will be on new Boston manager Butch Hobson. Popular Joe Morgan, who logged two firsts, a second and a third in 3½ seasons, was fired two days after the end of the 1991 season.

Hobson is reputed to be a tough, old-school manager. In his one year of triple-A managing, he drilled his players in fundamentals and tolerated no cries or whimpers. He's a no-nonsense leader who played football for Bear Bryant at Alabama and brought a football mentality to the Red Sox as the third baseman in Fenway in the late 1970s.

The 40-year-old rookie manager will be tested by the millionaires' club in Boston. Roger Clemens is allowed to do whatever he pleases, and veterans Jack Clark and Tom Brunansky

were very open about their dislike for Morgan. It'll be interesting to see how Red Sox veterans

react to Hobson's tough-guy style. Hobson is expected to give a lot of his triple-A kids a chance. Who'll be the first veteran to moan, "Butch doesn't treat us like big leaguers"?

Compounding Hobson's predicament is the presence of Don Zimmer, former Red Sox manager. Labeled "The Gerbil" by pitcher Bill Lee when they jousting in the '70s, Zimmer is a veteran big league manager (he brought Hobson to the

majors). When things don't go smoothly, there will be speculation that Zimmer is looking over Hobson's shoulder. It won't be Zim's fault, but his mere presence assures that it will happen.

Stay tuned.

—Dan Shaughnessy


Butch Hobson

good for a steady .280. He hit .283 last season and has a chance to be a leader on this leaderless Boston club.

The Red Sox have more first base candidates than almost any other team in baseball. Carlos Quintana hit a solid .295 from the right side and is a natural around the bag, but he's always trade bait because he doesn't hit home runs. Mo Vaughn bats left and was supposed to hit homers, but had only four in 219 at-bats. Vaughn's rookie season was disappointing, and he did little to push Quintana off the bag. In a pinch, there's also Jack Clark, a full-time DH who can play first base. At least Mike Marshall is gone.

OUTFIELD

There's trade material all over the yard. Center fielder Ellis Burks is coming off his worst season (.251, 14 HR, 56 RBI), has a bad back and bad knees, and has not improved since his rookie year. However, on a team with all the speed of the Clydesdales, Burks is the only threat to run and he's the only legitimate center fielder. They're afraid to trade Burks because he might become a superstar. Bob Zupcic and Wayne Housie are the alternatives.

Like Burks, left fielder Mike Greenwell is prime trade bait. He hit only nine home runs last year, while batting .300 and playing butcher-boy left field. Greenwell fell out of favor with Sox fans, stopped talking to the media and saw Plantier replace him in left field. If Greenwell stays, he's got to play left, which would move Plantier to right field. Plantier bats left and hit .331 with 11 homers in 53 games. He should be an everyday player.

Boston's home run total is alarming. Despite playing half their games in Fenway Park, the Sox tied with Seattle for ninth in the AL in home runs (126). Boston scored three runs or less more often than any team in the division other than New York and Baltimore. This is not what Fenway fans have come to expect from the big-inning Red Sox.

Tom Brunansky hit .229 with 16 homers and 70 RBI in 142 games and was bitter toward former manager Joe Morgan at the end of the season. There's a crowd in the outfield, and the lovable Bruno is part of the problem. Somebody's got to go; it might be Brunansky. He's hard to move because he's 31, makes a pile of money and is coming off back-to-back off years.

BENCH

Clark is the designated hitter. He recovered from a slow start to hit .249 with 28 homers and 87 RBI. Jack the Ripper drove fans crazy by taking so many called third strikes, but in the end, the numbers were there.

Boston lost utility man Steve Lyons, who played every position except catcher, to Atlanta via free agency.

Mike Brumley was a weak backup when injuries strapped the Sox in '91. Marzano is an OK hitter off the bench. ■

RED SOX LEADERS '91

Avg. Boggos	.332	HR Clark	28	RBI Clark	87	SB Greenwell	15
ERA Gray	2.34	Wins Clemens	18	K's Clemens	241	Saves Reardon	40

PITCHERS

No.	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1991 Club	G	IP	W-L	Sv	ERA
50 Bolton, Tom	L-L	6-3	185	5-6-62	Boston	25	110.0	8-9	0	5.24
21 Clemens, Roger	R-R	6-4	220	8-4-62	Boston	35	271.1	18-10	0	2.62
44 Darwin, Danny	R-R	6-3	195	10-25-55	Boston	12	68.0	3-6	0	5.16
40 Dopson, John	R-R	6-4	235	7-14-63	Boston	1	1.0	0-0	0	18.00
					Winter Haven A	6	26.2	2-2	0	3.38
48 Fossas, Tony	L-L	6-0	187	9-23-57	Boston	64	57.0	3-2	1	3.47
47 Gardiner, Mike	S-R	6-0	200	10-19-65	Boston	22	130.0	9-10	0	4.85
					Pawtucket AAA	8	57.2	7-1	0	2.34
38 Gray, Jeff	R-R	6-1	190	4-10-63	Boston	50	61.2	2-3	1	2.34
27 Harris, Greg	S-R	6-0	175	11-2-55	Boston	53	173.0	11-12	2	3.85
55 Hesketh, Joe	L-L	6-2	173	2-15-59	Boston	39	153.1	12-4	0	3.29
					Pawtucket AAA	15	22.2	1-2	5	2.38
					New Britain AA	47	68.0	4-4	15	1.46
59 Irvine, Daryl	R-R	6-3	195	11-15-64	Boston	9	18.0	0-0	0	6.00
					Pawtucket AAA	27	33.0	1-1	17	3.00
19 Kiecker, Dana	R-R	6-3	195	2-25-61	Boston	18	40.1	2-3	0	7.36
					Pawtucket AAA	8	38.0	2-3	0	3.79
60 Livorno, Derek	L-R	6-1	185	4-17-67	Pawtucket AAA	5	19.2	1-2	0	10.53
					New Britain AA	5	27.2	3-2	0	3.25
51 Manzanillo, Josias	R-R	6-0	190	10-16-67	Boston	1	1.0	0-0	0	18.00
					Pawtucket AAA	20	102.2	5-5	0	5.61
					New Britain AA	7	49.2	2-2	0	2.90
43 Morton, Kevin	R-L	6-2	185	8-3-68	Boston	16	86.1	6-5	0	4.59
					Pawtucket AAA	16	98.0	7-3	0	3.49
54 Plympton, Jeff	R-R	6-2	205	11-24-65	Boston	4	5.1	0-0	0	0.00
					Pawtucket AAA	41	69.1	2-6	7	3.12
					Pawtucket AAA	25	155.2	10-7	0	4.45
					New Britain AA	5	35.0	2-1	0	2.06
41 Reardon, Jeff	R-R	6-0	205	10-1-55	Boston	57	59.1	1-4	40	3.03
56 Taylor, Scott	L-L	6-1	185	8-2-67	Pawtucket AAA	7	39.0	3-3	0	3.46
					New Britain AA	4	29.0	2-0	0	0.62
16 Viola, Frank	L-L	6-4	210	4-19-60	New York (NL)	35	231.1	13-15	0	3.97
30 Young, Matt	L-L	6-3	210	8-9-58	Boston	19	88.2	3-7	0	5.18
					Pawtucket AAA	2	8.0	1-0	0	4.50

CATCHERS

						G	AB	Avg.	HR	RBI	SB
20 Marzano, John	R-R	5-11	195	2-14-63	Boston	49	114	.263	0	9	0
6 Pena, Tony	R-R	6-0	185	6-4-57	Boston	141	464	.231	5	48	8
22 Wedge, Eric	R-R	6-3	215	1-27-68	Boston	1	1	1.000	0	0	0
					Pawtucket AAA	53	163	.233	5	18	1
					New Britain AA	2	8	.250	0	2	0
					Winter Haven A	8	21	.238	1	1	1

INFIELDERS

26 Boggos, Wade	L-R	6-2	197	6-15-58	Boston	144	546	.332	8	51	1
25 Clark, Jack	R-R	6-3	210	11-10-55	Boston	140	481	.249	28	87	0
45 Cooper, Scott	L-R	6-3	205	10-13-67	Boston	14	35	.457	0	7	0
					Pawtucket AAA	137	483	.277	15	72	3
11 Naehring, Tim	R-R	6-2	190	2-1-67	Boston	20	55	.109	0	3	0
18 Quintana, Carlos	R-R	6-2	220	8-26-65	Boston	149	478	.295	11	71	1
3 Reed, Jody	R-R	5-9	165	7-26-62	Boston	153	618	.283	5	60	6
2 Rivera, Luis	R-R	5-9	175	1-3-64	Boston	129	414	.258	8	40	4
					Pawtucket AAA	100	329	.264	9	49	0
					New Britain AA	23	81	.198	0	5	1
42 Vaughn, Mo	L-R	6-1	230	12-15-67	Boston	74	219	.260	4	32	2
					Pawtucket AAA	69	234	.274	14	50	2

OUTFIELDERS

23 Brunansky, Tom	R-R	6-4	220	8-20-60	Boston	142	459	.229	16	70	1
12 Burks, Ellis	R-R	6-2	205	9-11-64	Boston	130	474	.251	14	56	6
39 Greenwell, Mike	L-R	6-0	205	7-18-63	Boston	147	544	.300	9	83	15
17 Housie, Wayne	S-R	5-9	165	5-20-65	Boston	11	8	.250	0	0	1
					Pawtucket AAA	21	79	.329	2	8	2
					New Britain AA	113	444	.277	6	26	43
					Lynchburg A	106	382	.322	4	38	38
					Boston	53	148	.331	11	35	1
					Pawtucket AAA	84	298	.305	16	61	6
					Boston	18	25	.160	1	3	0
					Pawtucket AAA	129	429	.240	18	70	10

Manager: Butch Hobson

Coaches: Gary Allenson, Al Bumbry, Rick Burleson, Rich Gale, Don Zimmer



By JOE FALLS
Detroit News

No team in baseball underwent more grief in 1991 than the Detroit Tigers. The furor over the dismissal of longtime game broadcaster Ernie Harwell, the squabble with the city over a new stadium and, finally, the bitterness that developed between manager Sparky Anderson and his friend and coach, Alex Grammas, made it a very grim year for this proud old franchise. The ill feeling created by these off-the-field issues exists to this day. The wounds are still there.

Yet no team with the exception of Minnesota and Atlanta surprised more people in 1991 than Detroit. The Tigers were overlooked by everyone, relegated to the bottom of the American League East—in preseason expertise. They were a team that was starting to disintegrate before the eyes of the baseball public. Why kid about it? Nobody gave the Tigers much of a chance to do anything. You could write them off and go on to more important matters, like what's for lunch.

But, somehow—and it's still not clear how they did it—the Tigers became a contender, not a strong contender, but one that was in the division race until the early part of September and wound up in a second-place tie with the Boston Red Sox, seven games behind title-winning Toronto. They won as many games as the Oakland A's, for heaven's sake, and finished two spots higher in the standings.

It is not likely that Detroit can win anything this season, but who knows? Who thought Travis Fryman would become such a productive player so soon in his career with those 21 homers and 91 runs batted in? Who thought Milt Cuyler, who looks like a tumbleweed that just blew in off the plain, would catch everything in center field, get his bat on the ball more than anyone expected and show exciting speed? Indeed, who thought that Tony Phillips, even though he is a cagey veteran who knows how to play the game, would become such a versatile player? He performed at no fewer than six positions and handled them all with style and grace, as if he'd been there forever. Phillips set personal highs in home runs (17), RBI (72), hits (160), doubles (28) and batting average (.284).

Who thought that Bill Gullickson, banished to Japan, would return home and win 20 games, two more than Jack Morris, the man he was to replace, and two more than Roger Clemens, hailed as the league's top pitcher? Who thought catcher Mickey Tettleton would smack 31 homers and drive in 89 runs? Or even that Cecil Fielder would back up his 51-home run season in 1990 with 44 more and 133 RBI, a major league-leading figure?

No one.

Not even Sparky Anderson.

Anderson was given a lot of credit for guiding the Tigers through their surprising season: 84 wins and 78 losses. He did a masterful job of



CECIL FIELDER

blending the new, Fryman and Cuyler, with the old, Alan Trammell and Lou Whitaker, but even Anderson was surprised at the outcome. He spoke of 1993 as the season the Tigers might make a move, not 1991.

Now it is 1992, and as he prepares for Opening Day, Anderson is calling his team "one of the eight best in baseball." But he surely must wonder if his guys can do it again simply because of his pitching staff, a shaky proposition from almost any angle.

Probable Opening Day Lineup

Milt Cuyler
Lou Whitaker
Alan Trammell
Cecil Fielder
Mickey Tettleton
Travis Fryman
Rob Deer
Dan Gladden
Tony Phillips
Bill Gullickson

CF
2B
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3B
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RF
P

STARTING PITCHING

You start with the staff ace, Gullickson, who won three more games than he ever had before during an 11-year career. A free agent signee, Gullickson was 10-14 with Houston in 1990. He became Detroit's first 20-game winner since Morris in 1986, making 35 starts and pitching 226⅓ innings. Gullickson, 33, worked four complete games.

Everyone marvels at the way 38-year-old Frank Tanana baffles batters with an assortment of slow curves and off-speed stuff. Some days he is truly a marvel on the mound. Yet Tanana was no better than 13-12, 3.77, and he is considered the No. 2 man on the staff behind Gullickson. Tanana ranks 61st all-time with 220 victories, tied with Jerry Reuss. Tanana's total of 2,566 career strikeouts is 16th-best.

With 218⅓ innings pitched, Walt Terrell (12-14, 4.24), 33, ranked second to Gullickson in that category on the club. He tied Tanana for the second-most starts with 33 and pitched the most complete games with eight.

Mark Leiter, a spring-training acquisition via a trade with the Yankees, was 5-0 in August and 4-7 at other times to finish 9-7, 4.21.

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TONY PHILLIPS

Scott Aldred (2-4, 5.18), a 1991 rookie left-hander who was Detroit's 16th selection in the 1986 draft, spent most of the season with triple-A Toledo, where he went 8-8, 3.92 in 20 starts. His record with the Tigers included 11 starts and one complete game.

The best bet to make it among the rookies is Greg Gohr, who was 10-8, 4.61 at Toledo.

Anderson plans to go with a five-man rotation of Gullickson, Tanana, Terrell, Leiter and Aldred, who combined for 56 victories. Sparky will need a lot more wins to make things interesting in 1992.

RELIEF PITCHING

Pitching is a big problem in Detroit.

Anderson has no middle relievers. And with Jerry Don Gleanon not returning, he has only two experienced closers. They are Mike Henneman, a strong performer at 10-2, 2.88 and 21 saves in 24 opportunities, and Paul Gibson, an in-and-out left-hander at 5-7, 4.59 and eight saves.

Henneman's career record in five years with Detroit is 49-21. At Tiger Stadium it is a remarkable 34-6. In extra innings, it is 7-0. Henneman pitched in 45 of the Tigers' 84 wins despite missing a month with tendinitis in the shoulder. He struck out 61 in 84½ innings. In short, for the tall right-hander, 1991 was vintage Henneman.

Gibson appeared both as a setup man and closer. The four-year veteran, converted to the

bullpen in 1987 and seldom a starter since, was summoned 68 times, a personal high. Gibson tied for the most saves by an AL left-hander with eight.

CATCHING

Where the Tigers must do it in 1992 is at the plate with their long-ball power. They led the major leagues again with 209 home runs last season and should come close to matching that figure again.

Mickey Tettleton (.263), who was obtained by Detroit in a January 1991 trade with Baltimore, found that he could reach the seats, if not the roof, at Tiger Stadium on a fairly consistent basis. Tettleton knocked two balls clean out of sight in Detroit last year, a performance achieved by only two previous Tigers in one season. The switch-hitter, who was chosen on The Associated Press major league all-star team, set career highs in home runs, RBI, runs scored and hits. Tettleton threw out 28 percent of would-be base stealers (23 of 81).

Rich Rowland will be the backup. He batted .272 with 13 homers and 68 RBI at Toledo. He also posted a .994 fielding percentage.

INFIELD

The starters—Fielder, Whitaker, Trammell and Fryman—hit 97 home runs, although Trammell delivered only about 50 percent of his usual number. That was because he missed more than one-third of the season due to injuries, first a strained knee, then a severely sprained ankle.

Fielder (.261), 28, who has powdered 133 home runs in the last three years, counting 38 for the Hanshin Tigers of the Japanese Central League in 1989, remains a possible candidate for breaking Roger Maris' single-season record of 61. The 250-pound first baseman has been runner-up in AL MVP voting the last two

Baseball in Detroit: Problems Popped Up in '91; People Got Mad

Detroit fans are still mad at the dumping of Ernie Harwell, who broadcast Tiger games for 32 years, and took it out on the organization by boycotting games in 1991.

Ernie was such a fixture in Detroit—an honest and decent man—that he became a part of everyone's family, and when he was ousted, there was anger everywhere in the community. Most of it was directed at Bo Schembechler, former Michigan football coach who now runs the team as the chief operating officer, when the truth of the matter is that it was radio station WJR that decided to let Harwell go. It was easy to blame Schembechler because of his abrasive ways in dealing with the public and press.

Paul Carey, Harwell's longtime assistant, also is gone. The new announcers are Rick Rizzs from Seattle and Bob Rathbun from Baltimore, and they will be on the spot for a while since

they will be compared with the men who preceded them in the broadcast booth. This, though, should pass in time.

The Tiger Stadium issue became very ugly last year as Schembechler tried to dictate to the city and city officials tried to dictate to him. The problem is very basic: The Tigers insist they don't have the money to build a new stadium, even though owner Tom Monaghan, the head of Domino's Pizza, is considered one of the wealthiest men in the state; the city maintains it doesn't have the money either, but hopes to raise it through tax proposals and bond issues.

The city favored a downtown site, hoping to revive a collapsing economy. The Tigers favored a site next to the present ball park.

The debate got bitter, and personal, and both parties had to back away from it for a while because no progress was being made.

Perhaps the most surprising development in

Detroit baseball in 1991 was the rift that flared into the open between manager Sparky Anderson and third base coach Alex Grammas at the end of the season. They had been pals for 19 years—Sparky working in the dugout and Grammas serving as his coach. No two men could have been closer.

When Grammas approached 65, there was talk—from him and others—about retiring. Nothing definite was decided until Sparky made the move. Alex would not come back, one thing led to another—one word led to another—and soon they were shouting at each other, and their friendship fell apart. They did not talk to each other in the final week of the season, and both went home feeling very much aggrieved.

It was an unpleasant ending to a very strange season: a success on the field and a disaster off the field.

—Joe Falls

seasons, losing out to Baltimore shortstop Cal Ripken Jr. in '91.

Whitaker had a decent season with a .279 average, 23 home runs and 78 RBI. He fielded .994, committing only four errors, and his fielding average broke his own record of .991 by a Detroit second baseman, set in 1991. Whitaker, 34, who joined the Tigers in 1977, needs only 38 hits to reach 2,000 and 10 home runs for a career total of 200. He plays at his own pace, and the Tigers leave him alone; they take what they can get from him, because they know they cannot coax anymore out of him.

Whitaker will team with Trammell (.248-9-55), Detroit's double-play combo for the 15th season. This is the final year of Trammell's contract, and the 34-year-old shortstop knows he must have a good season to command big bucks. On the disabled list almost a month, he played in only 101 games last year.

Luckily, the Tigers found Fryman a more than adequate replacement at shortstop. He handled the position with surprising ease. However, Fryman will start at third base, with the Tigers hoping that Trammell can remain healthy and play shortstop in his familiar style.

OUTFIELD

In his first full season as a Tiger, Cuyler (.257-3-33) led off and enjoyed a fine campaign. The center fielder recorded a number of key catches, and six errors by a rookie who had the third-most outfield chances in the AL isn't bad.

Dan Gladden (.247-6-52), who played left field for Minnesota and scored the winning run in Game 7 of the World Series, signed a two-year, \$2.2 million deal with Detroit as a free agent.

Phillips, Anderson's jack-of-all-trades, may open in right field.

Skeeter Barnes (.289-5-17) gives the Tigers a top-notch fourth outfielder. Barnes, a 14-year baseball veteran, played every position except shortstop, catcher and pitcher last season.

The Tigers, though, hoped to turn up with another outfielder before Opening Day.

BENCH

Rob Deer (.179-25-64), who played in 132 games in the outfield, presents a problem. Anderson gave him every chance last year, but despite his home runs he struck out 175 times and looked outmatched in too many situations. Anderson probably will try to protect Deer this season by using him as a platoon player against left-handed pitchers and as a designated hitter on occasion.

The only free agent brought back was handyman Dave Bergman (.237-7-29). He never complains and is ready to play his role when asked.

Among returning reserves is Scott Livingstone (.291-2-11 in 44 games). He shows some promise, but the problem is finding a place to play for him. ■

TIGERS LEADERS '91

Avg. Barnes	.289	HR	Fielder	44	RBI	Fielder	133	SB	Cuyler	41
ERA Henneman	2.88	Wins	Gullickson	20	K's	Tanana	107	Saves	Henneman	21

PITCHERS

No.	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1991 Club	G	IP	W-L	Sv	ERA
30 Aldred, Scott	L-L	6-4	195	6-12-68	Detroit	11	57.1	2-4	0	5.18
					Toledo AAA	22	135.1	8-8	0	3.92
38 Cummings, Steve	S-R	6-2	205	7-15-64	Toledo AAA	30	75.0	5-5	5	4.68
					Colo. Spr. AAA	5	26.2	0-4	0	6.08
41 DeSilva, John	R-R	6-0	193	9-30-67	Toledo AAA	11	58.2	5-4	0	4.13
					London AA	11	73.2	5-4	0	2.81
44 Doherty, John	R-R	6-4	200	6-11-67	London AA	53	65.0	3-3	15	2.22
33 Gakeler, Dan	R-R	6-6	215	5-1-64	Detroit	31	73.2	1-4	2	5.74
					Toledo AAA	23	43.2	2-3	4	3.50
48 Gibson, Paul	R-L	6-0	185	1-4-60	Detroit	68	96.0	5-7	8	4.59
34 Gohr, Greg	R-R	6-3	205	10-29-67	Toledo AAA	26	148.1	10-8	0	4.61
					London AA	2	11.0	0-0	0	0.00
42 Groom, Buddy	L-L	6-2	200	7-10-65	Toledo AAA	24	75.0	2-5	1	4.32
					London AA	11	51.2	7-1	0	3.48
36 Gullickson, Bill	R-R	6-3	225	2-20-59	Detroit	35	226.1	20-9	0	3.90
16 Haas, David	R-R	6-1	200	10-19-65	Detroit	11	10.2	1-0	0	6.75
					Toledo AAA	28	158.1	8-10	0	5.23
39 Henneman, Mike	R-R	6-4	200	12-11-61	Detroit	60	84.1	10-2	21	2.88
46 Kieley, John	R-R	6-3	210	10-4-54	Detroit	7	6.2	0-1	0	14.85
27 Knudsen, Kurt	R-R	6-2	200	2-20-67	Toledo AAA	12	18.1	1-2	2	1.47
					London AA	34	51.2	2-3	6	3.48
23 Leiter, Mark	R-R	6-3	210	4-13-63	Detroit	38	134.2	9-7	1	4.21
					Toledo AAA	5	6.2	1-0	1	0.00
43 Munoz, Mike	L-L	6-3	200	7-12-65	Detroit	6	9.1	0-0	0	9.64
					Toledo AAA	38	54.0	2-3	8	3.83
31 Ritz, Kevin	R-R	6-4	220	6-8-65	Detroit	11	15.1	0-3	0	11.74
					Toledo AAA	20	126.1	8-7	0	3.28
26 Tanana, Frank	L-L	6-3	200	7-3-53	Detroit	33	217.1	13-12	0	3.77
35 Terrell, Walt	R-R	6-2	205	5-11-58	Detroit	35	218.2	12-14	0	4.24

CATCHERS

	G	AB	Avg.	HR	RBI	SB
12 Rowland, Rich	4	4	.250	0	1	0
	109	383	.272	13	68	4
20 Tettleton, Mickey	154	501	.263	31	89	3

INFELDERS

	G	AB	Avg.	HR	RBI	SB
14 Bergman, Dave	86	194	.237	7	29	1
13 Brogna, Rico	41	132	.220	2	13	2
	77	293	.273	13	51	0
45 Fielder, Cecil	162	624	.261	44	133	0
24 Fryman, Travis	149	557	.259	21	91	12
7 Livingstone, Scott	44	127	.291	2	11	2
	92	331	.302	3	62	2
4 Phillips, Tony	146	564	.284	17	72	10
8 Rosario, Victor	56	217	.295	1	22	8
	60	206	.306	0	26	4
3 Trammell, Alan	101	375	.248	9	55	11
1 Whitaker, Lou	138	470	.279	23	78	4

OUTFIELDERS

	G	AB	Avg.	HR	RBI	SB
9 Barnes, Skeeter	75	159	.289	5	17	10
	62	233	.330	9	40	27
22 Cuyler, Milt	154	475	.257	3	33	41
44 Deer, Rob	134	448	.179	25	64	1
32 Gladden, Dan	126	461	.247	6	52	15
25 Hare, Shawn	9	19	.053	0	0	0
	80	252	.310	9	42	1
	31	125	.272	4	28	2
21 Hurst, Jody	54	187	.278	8	24	8
17 Ingram, Riccardo	118	421	.271	18	64	6
40 Pegues, Steve	68	222	.225	4	23	8
	56	216	.301	6	26	4
18 Pemberton, Rudy	111	375	.229	3	36	25

Manager: Sparky Anderson

Coaches: Billy Consolo, Larry Herndon, Billy Muffett, Gene Roof, Dick Tracewski, Dan Whitmer



By TOM HAUDRICOURT
Milwaukee Sentinel

After failing to finish higher than fourth for the third straight season, the Milwaukee Brewers decided it was time for change.

To be more precise, a lot of changes.

Two days after the Brewers ended the 1991 season with an 83-79 record, general manager Harry Dalton was ousted and replaced by Sal Bando, former third baseman for Oakland and Milwaukee who had served as advisor to Dalton and owner Bud Selig for years. The next day, Bando fired manager Tom Trebelhorn.

Just like that, the two men most responsible for directing the club's fortunes were gone. A new era of Milwaukee baseball had begun, one designed to return the Brewers to the World Series, where they last played 10 years ago.

"We want to take the team to the next level, which means winning the American League East and going to the World Series," says Bando. "I'm looking forward to the challenge."

Bando hired Houston coach Phil Garner, a former teammate with the A's, as manager, and

the pair began making plans. What they hope to accomplish is six months of consistent baseball, not the two months the Brewers managed in '91.

Milwaukee was the hottest team in baseball in the final two months, going 40-19. But all that accomplished was a winning record for a club that vanished from the pennant picture in July.

It took the Brewers that long to assemble a reliable starting rotation, and they took steps during the off-season to improve the pitching. Milwaukee held its own offensively (second in the AL) and defensively (ninth, up from last) last season.

If the Brewers want to make it back to the Series with icons Robin Yount and Paul Molitor, they had better hurry. Yount will be 37 in September and Molitor turns 36 in August.

"I just hope we can rekindle the winning feeling we had the last two months of the '91 season," Molitor says. "We need to remember how it felt to win and not worry about individual players playing well."

Probable Opening Day Lineup

Paul Molitor	DH
B.J. Surhoff	C
Robin Yount	CF
Greg Vaughn	LF
Franklin Stubbs	1B
Gary Sheffield	3B
Darryl Hamilton	RF
Jim Gantner	2B
Bill Spiers	SS
Bill Wegman	P

Milwaukee has been distracted in recent years by in-fighting and back-stabbing, not to mention selfishness. The chief focus of Bando and Garner will be to eliminate those problems and focus on getting the job done on the field.

STARTING PITCHING

The Brewers entered last season expecting veterans Teddy Higuera and Ron Robinson to be their No. 1 and 2 starters. Higuera made just six starts before going down with a rotator cuff tear, and Robinson pitched once before undergoing elbow surgery.

What followed was a four-month scramble to reassemble a rotation with some stability. Meanwhile, Milwaukee fell 17 games below .500, which negated a commendable finish.

Higuera (3-2, 4.46), who has three years remaining on a \$13 million contract, is not being counted on for the start of the season. Frankly, at his age (33) and coming off surgery, he may never be effective again.

Robinson (0-1, 6.23 in only one '91 game) should be ready by Opening Day, but there's no guarantee there, either, after four operations. The approach the Brewers were taking was: If Robinson's in the starting rotation to open the season, fine, but don't bet the ranch on it.

The most reliable starter was right-hander Bill Wegman (15-7, 2.84), who bounced back from two years of arm injuries. His ERA was the third-best in the league. Eligible for free agency for the first time, Wegman picked a good year. But the Brewers didn't let him get away. Wegman signed a four-year, \$9.5 million contract with Milwaukee just before the filing deadline for free agency.

Right-hander Jaime Navarro also won 15 games, while losing 12. With 10 complete games, Navarro was among the league leaders but his ERA was barely below 4.00 (3.92). Still, on a given day, he has the best stuff on the staff and may be a big winner.

Chris Bosio gives Milwaukee another dependable right-hander. Bosio went 14-10 after missing most of 1990 due to a knee problem and subsequent surgery.

Desperate for a left-hander in the rotation with Higuera sidelined, the Brewers moved Dan



PAUL MOLITOR

SCOTT J. LEVY

Plesac out of the bullpen in August. He will be joined by left-hander Bruce Ruffin, who came over in a trade that sent utility man Dale Sveum to Philadelphia. Despite a 4-7, 3.78 season, Ruffin fills the void for another left-hander.

Also vying for a spot in the rotation is right-hander Cal Eldred, the Brewers' No. 1 draft pick in 1989. Eldred led all triple-A pitchers in strikeouts with 168 in 185 innings at Denver (13-9, 3.75). He was 2-0 in three September starts with Milwaukee but is hardly a dominant pitcher.

RELIEF PITCHING

Relievers toted most of the shovels that buried the Brewers in the first half of last season. The bullpen finished with 27 losses and 21 blown saves, finishing 22nd among the 26 major league clubs in Roloids relief competition.

One bright spot was Doug Henry, a right-hander who was summoned from Denver in mid-July. Henry, a former starter who nearly quit because of arm problems, converted 15 of 16 save opportunities and was all but untouchable in 32 appearances (1.00 ERA, 16 hits, 28 strikeouts in 36 innings).

Piecing together the bullpen in front of Henry won't be easy. During the winter meetings, Milwaukee traded Chuck Crim to California for right-handers Mike Fetters (2-5, 4.84), who could bring help in a long-relief role, and Glenn Carter. Julio Machado, tough to hit when he throws strikes (55 walks, 98 strikeouts in 88½ innings), will be a setup man. Edwin Nunez, who missed most of the season due to back surgery and was otherwise ineffective, has a year left on his contract and will return.

After Plesac moved to the rotation, Mark Lee was the lone left-hander, and left-handed hitters batted .304 against him. To complement Lee,



BILL WEGMAN

the Brewers picked up veteran reliever Jesse Orosco from Cleveland in a trade.

Right-handers Chris George and Darren Holmes are others in the picture. If the Brewers don't get their bullpen squared away, they face a repeat of the first four months of '91.

CATCHING

Milwaukee would like to move B.J. Surhoff to second or third base, but the veteran will stay behind the plate until somebody better comes along. Young Australian Dave Nilsson, a .366 hitter in Class AA and AAA last year, will be that somebody one day, but not at the start of this season.

Surhoff made a remarkable recovery in '91 after taking a .206 average into June. He raised his average 41 points after the break to finish at .289, his highest since he batted .299 as a rookie in 1987.

On defense, Surhoff still has problems, however. He threw out only 35 of 120 runners (29 percent) on steal attempts and allowed 11 passed balls, but he showed improvement in calling games.

Joe Kmak, who batted .238 at Denver but threw out more than 50 percent of runners attempting steals, is a likelier bet to back up Surhoff.

INFIELD

The infield posed the most problems for the Brewers in the off-season. Perhaps the only certainties are Bill Spiers at shortstop and Franklin Stubbs at first base—and the latter was the club's biggest disappointment in '91.

The Brewers figured they were set for years at third base with talented Gary Sheffield, but he missed most of the season with injuries (.194 in 50 games) and had shoulder surgery in August.

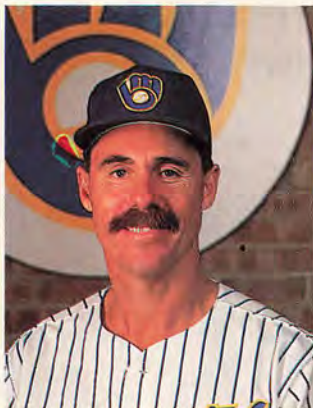
Sheffield is expected back at full-strength, but must prove himself all over. He also must shed the label of team troublemaker and get the chip off his shoulder that caused headaches for Trebelhorn and Dalton—and was a factor in their demise.

Garner Gets Three Years to Prove Gamble Was Justified

Milwaukee took a calculated risk during the off-season by hiring Houston coach Phil Garner as manager, but he is expected to make that gamble pay off.

Not only is Garner coming over from the National League with little prior knowledge of American League opponents—not to mention his own club—but he has never managed a game at any level.

That did not deter Sal Bando, new director of baseball operations, from hiring the energetic former infielder. Bando and Garner were teammates in Oakland in the mid-1970s, but the move went beyond the buddy system.



Phil Garner

"It's his personality," says Bando. "He's a very aggressive person, a very open person, somebody the players can relate to. I think he's the right man to lead this club."

That personality was vital in the selection because Bando believed Garner's predecessor, Tom Trebelhorn, didn't always have control of his players nor respect from them. Bando thinks the Brewers have enough talent to contend in the AL East.

"We'll do it," Garner says. "We're dealing with grown men. As long as everybody is working toward the same goal, and that goal is winning, discipline is easy."

Trebelhorn was undermined on more than one occasion by players going to the media with gripes instead of to him.

"Communication is not necessarily doing what you are told; communication is understanding," says Garner, one of seven candidates interviewed for the job and the only one with no managing experience. "I'll make sure they understand what I want. And I need to understand what they want. It's a two-way street."

Garner, who coached with the Astros for three seasons after ending his 15-year major league career, was given a three-year contract by the Brewers.

"It's important if you feel you have the best man, to give him that much time to develop his skills as a manager," Bando says.

But the Brewers hope Garner will prove much sooner that their gamble was not a high-risk one.

—Tom Haudricourt

Veterans Jim Gantner and Willie Randolph took free agency, with Gantner re-signing and Randolph leaving for the New York Mets. They began last season platooning at second base. Gantner replaced Sheffield at third over the final two months.

Gantner, 38, batted .283 in his 16th year with the Brewers. He played solid defense and will be back on at least a utility basis. If the Brewers decide Gantner isn't an everyday second baseman anymore, rookie William Suero, acquired in a trade from Toronto, could get a shot.

Spiers was greatly improved at the plate in '91, hitting .283, a 41-point jump from '90.

The Brewers gave Stubbs a three-year, \$6 million contract as a free agent and expected left-handed run production in return. What they got was a .213 average, 11 home runs and 38 RBI—which led to Stubbs' benching in September. He must do better or Molitor may take over permanently at first.

"Franklin will have a good year; you can bet on it," says Garner, who coached Stubbs at Houston.

OUTFIELD

When last season started, Greg Vaughn and Darryl Hamilton were extra outfielders. By season's end, Vaughn was the left fielder, Hamilton was the right fielder and both had cemented themselves in the Brewers' plans for the future.

Vaughn is the club's chief source of power. He assumed the left field job when Candy Maldonado, who later was traded to Toronto, broke a foot in the second game. Vaughn led the team with 27 home runs and 98 RBI, but the Brewers hope to see him raise his batting average of .244.

Hamilton, who began last season in a platoon with disappointing Dante Bichette in right field, saw the most action of his big league career and made the most of it with a .311 average. Hamilton earned regular status, which relegated Bichette (.238-15-59) to reserve duty.

Yount finally started showing his age. He was limited to 130 games, his lowest total in six years, due to nagging health problems. Yount's batting average and power have dropped (.260 and 10 home runs in 503 at-bats), and he doesn't run much anymore. However, he is still a vital cog on the team and needs just 122 hits to reach 3,000.

BENCH

Molitor proved again that he is a force to be reckoned with when healthy. He batted .325 with 17 homers and 75 RBI and led the AL with 216 hits. Molitor plays first base on occasion but has adapted well to the designated hitter role that keeps him off the field and lessens his chance of injury. That's a critical factor for a player who has been on the disabled list a dozen times.

The Brewers picked up veteran utility man Mario Diaz from Texas. He will back up Spiers at shortstop. ■

BREWERS LEADERS '91

Avg.	Randolph	.327	HR	Vaughn	27	RBI	Vaughn	98	SB	Molitor	19
ERA	Wegman	2.84	Wins	Navarro,	15	K's	Bosio	117	Saves	Henry	15
				Wegman							

PITCHERS

No.	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1991 Club	G	IP	W-L	Sv	ERA
42	R-R	6-2	200	12-7-63	Milwaukee	5	8.2	0-0	0	8.31
					Denver AAA	20	44.0	6-3	3	2.45
29	R-R	6-3	225	4-3-63	Milwaukee	32	204.2	14-10	0	3.25
16	L-L	6-1	185	3-5-66	Milwaukee	15	63.2	2-4	0	5.51
					Denver AAA	12	61.2	4-3	0	4.67
21	R-R	6-4	215	11-24-67	Milwaukee	3	16.0	2-0	0	4.50
					Denver AAA	29	185.0	13-9	0	3.75
58	L-L	5-10	160	10-29-67	Denver AAA	18	80.0	0-4	0	5.96
36	R-R	6-4	212	12-19-64	California	19	44.2	2-5	0	4.84
59	R-R	6-2	200	9-24-66	Milwaukee	2	6.0	0-0	0	3.00
					Denver AAA	43	85.0	4-5	4	2.33
56	L-L	6-2	192	3-11-64	El Paso AA	9	51.0	3-3	0	3.18
					Stockton A	12	75.0	9-1	0	1.92
28	R-R	6-4	185	12-10-63	Milwaukee	32	36.0	2-1	15	1.00
					Denver AAA	32	57.2	3-2	14	2.18
49	S-L	5-10	178	11-9-58	Milwaukee	7	36.1	3-2	0	4.46
					Denver AAA	2	8.2	1-0	0	2.08
40	R-R	6-0	199	4-25-66	Milwaukee	40	76.1	1-4	3	4.72
					Denver AAA	1	1.0	0-0	0	9.00
53	S-R	5-11	175	3-12-66	Milwaukee	4	12.2	2-1	0	5.68
					Denver AAA	24	137.2	9-5	1	4.25
62	R-R	6-4	175	11-13-68	Denver AAA	17	101.1	9-5	0	4.62
					El Paso AA	12	75.2	7-1	0	3.33
34	L-L	6-3	200	7-20-64	Milwaukee	62	67.2	2-5	1	3.86
48	R-R	5-9	165	12-1-65	Milwaukee	54	88.2	3-3	3	3.45
43	L-L	6-1	160	11-9-69	Denver AAA	11	11.2	0-1	2	6.17
					El Paso AA	38	74.1	4-2	11	2.54
31	R-R	6-4	210	3-27-67	Milwaukee	34	234.0	15-12	0	3.92
41	R-R	6-5	240	5-27-63	Milwaukee	23	25.1	2-1	8	6.04
					Beloit A	5	9.0	0-1	1	4.00
47	R-L	6-2	185	4-21-57	Cleveland	47	45.2	2-0	0	3.74
37	L-L	6-5	215	2-4-62	Milwaukee	45	92.1	2-7	8	4.29
33	R-R	6-4	235	3-24-62	Milwaukee	1	4.1	0-1	0	6.23
30	R-L	6-2	209	10-4-63	Philadelphia	31	119.0	4-7	0	3.78
					Scranton AAA	13	75.1	4-5	0	4.66
46	R-R	6-5	220	12-19-62	Milwaukee	28	193.1	15-7	0	2.84
					Denver AAA	1	7.0	0-0	0	2.57
					Beloit A	3	11.0	0-2	0	1.64

CATCHERS

No.	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1991 Club	G	AB	Avg.	HR	RBI	SB
27	R-R	6-0	185	5-3-63	Denver AAA	100	294	.238	1	33	7
13	S-R	6-3	185	12-14-69	Denver AAA	28	95	.232	1	14	1
					El Paso AA	65	249	.418	5	57	4
5	L-R	6-1	200	8-4-64	Milwaukee	143	505	.289	5	68	5

INFIELDERS

No.	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1991 Club	G	AB	Avg.	HR	RBI	SB
17	L-R	5-11	175	1-5-54	Milwaukee	140	526	.283	2	47	4
57	R-R	6-1	195	5-27-66	El Paso AA	130	486	.344	30	134	12
67	R-R	5-9	170	9-12-67	Denver AAA	89	286	.252	1	31	23
					El Paso AA	49	186	.253	0	13	14
26	R-R	5-11	195	3-21-65	Milwaukee	7	11	.364	1	1	0
					Denver AAA	122	462	.292	18	91	2
4	R-R	6-0	185	8-22-56	Milwaukee	158	665	.325	17	75	19
11	R-R	5-11	190	11-18-68	Milwaukee	50	175	.194	2	22	5
9	L-R	6-2	190	6-5-66	Milwaukee	133	414	.283	8	54	14
0	L-L	6-2	209	10-21-60	Milwaukee	103	362	.213	11	38	13
2	R-R	5-9	175	11-7-66	Denver AAA	20	70	.386	0	15	3
					Syracuse AAA	98	393	.198	1	28	17
51	R-R	6-2	200	10-9-67	El Paso AA	130	493	.320	18	128	5

OUTFIELDERS

No.	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1991 Club	G	AB	Avg.	HR	RBI	SB
8	R-R	6-3	225	11-18-63	Milwaukee	134	445	.238	15	59	14
24	L-R	6-1	180	12-3-64	Milwaukee	122	405	.311	1	57	16
18	R-R	6-1	185	2-21-63	Milwaukee	12	9	.000	0	0	0
					Denver AAA	134	498	.325	9	78	14
23	R-R	6-0	193	7-3-65	Milwaukee	145	542	.244	27	98	2
19	R-R	6-0	180	9-16-55	Milwaukee	130	503	.260	10	77	6

Manager: Phil Garner

Coaches: Bill Castro, Duffy Dyer, Mike Easler, Tim Foli, Don Rowe

'There Is Much More to Do'

Minority Hirings Are Up But Not in High-Profile Positions

By FRANK DOLSON
The Philadelphia Inquirer

It's been nearly five years since Al Campanis' slip of the lip on national TV focused attention on baseball's minority hiring practices, especially the lack of black managers in the major leagues.

Less than two years after the Campanis *Nightline* incident (he said blacks might not have the "necessities" to be major league managers), the National League named its first black president, Bill White. Moreover, baseball commissioner Fay Vincent has become an outspoken champion for minority hirings (blacks, Hispanics and Asians), asking—almost pleading with—baseball's front offices to consider minority candidates for key jobs.

But on the field and in the dugout, not much has happened. Fourteen major league managing jobs opened up in 1991. Only one was filled by a minority; the Kansas City Royals elevated Hal McRae, who had been Montreal's batting coach. The only other major league black manager is Toronto's Cito Gaston, named to that post three years ago. There are no black general managers.

"This issue will not go away. Nor should it," Vincent said in his "State of the Game" address at the winter meetings in Miami Beach. "There is much more to do. The challenge is not easy but it must be met."

Baseball's minority report for 1991 showed

McRae was the only new black manager in '91.



that non-white representation in on-field major league jobs—including managers, coaches, trainers, scouts and instructors—was 19 percent, the same percentage as in 1990. The report also disclosed that minorities occupy 16 percent of all front-office posts compared to 15 percent in '90, but up significantly (from 2 percent) since 1987.

Ironically, at the very time the commissioner was expounding on the subject, Campanis, now 75, was in the hotel, looking for a job in baseball. But then, ironies abound in this delicate issue.

Consider, for example, the number of qualified blacks—to name three: Chris Chambliss, Don Baylor and Bill Robinson—who have made no secret of their desire to manage a major league team and were passed over after being interviewed. Baylor is now batting instructor of the St. Louis Cardinals. Chambliss will manage in Class AAA and Robinson in Class AA. Yet McRae, who got the opportunity, was a man who never actively sought it nor considered managing one of his great ambitions.

"Playing for as long as I did, I had no aspirations to manage," McRae says. "It's more of a bottom line kind of job for me. I don't see glamour in it."

Oh, sure, McRae concedes he thought about it once in a while, but only because people kept bringing up the subject. "It's sort of like when

‘There Is Much More to Do’



Don Baylor has the qualifications to manage, but he's yet to get past the interview stage.

you sign a big contract," he says. "Everybody's so happy and your hands are shaking when you write your name. Three weeks later, you have the money and you don't think about it. It's no big deal. Now, the motivation shifts from being a millionaire to showing everyone you were worthy and not embarrassing yourself. That's sort of how I feel as a manager."

For McRae, the important thing is not merely being a manager, but succeeding at the job. "I don't want to be a second-division manager," he says. "I don't want to manage for the sake of managing. I would be a failure if I stayed for 10 years managing in the second division."

To hear McRae tell it, the fact that he was the only minority among the 14 chosen to fill major league managing posts in 1991 doesn't add

to the pressure. "It doesn't matter," he insists, "because you're hired to win. If you don't win, you're going to get fired. Regardless of how many games we win, I'm going to be driven the next day to win again."

McRae may think he can blend into the crowd of big league managers fighting for their victories and their jobs. But, as the new minority in the fraternity, the spotlight on him is bright.

"People never talk about the pressure this puts on those who get the jobs," White says. "There's an awful lot of pressure on minorities who do get jobs."

Quietly for the most part, White has worked hard to help minority candidates, at least to get interviews. At times it has been frustrating.

"Obviously," White says, "you're concerned

when you see a Baylor or a Chambliss out there (unable to get a major league managerial job). But it's hard to tell people who to hire, especially when you have no clout. Let's face it, the only clout the commissioner can use is the press, which he does."

Sometimes that helps, sometimes it hurts. "I'd hate to see Baylor, for instance, become our 'designated interviewee,' where if you have a position open it's, 'Let's interview Baylor,'" White says. "I'd like to see Baylor get a job if he's capable of handling it."

Vincent and others talk about the need for a "pool" of worthy candidates. Presumably, that pool would be made up of men willing to learn the managing profession in the minor leagues and work their way up. Many former major league players, black and white, refuse to do that. Therefore, the argument goes, they have only themselves to blame.

To White, that's a lot of baloney.

In fact, he had been offered a Class AAA managing job in the Cardinal organization when his playing days were over. White turned it down. He simply didn't want to manage.

"It's easy to say people aren't willing to do certain things," White says. "But because one big league minority ballplayer refuses to go (to the minors), that doesn't mean they all do."

"There's nothing to say you've got to go to the minor leagues to manage or you've got to be a third base coach (in the majors). All the things that baseball has said in the past have been erased by what we've seen over the last few years."

Lou Piniella, who didn't manage in the minor leagues, won a world championship in Cincinnati. Joe Torre, with no minor league managing experience, proved to be an excellent major league manager. On the other hand, Jim Leyland, considered by many as the outstanding manager in the game, spent years learning his trade in the minors. There are no sure-fire formulas.

Gaston has led the Jays to two AL East titles.





White's efforts have gone unrewarded.

"I would hope we won't hear any more about what you have to do to manage," White says. "I'm sure there are a lot of minorities who would be willing to go down to the minor leagues to manage, but they weren't asked."

White points out that not just name players are being passed over. "There are a lot of (other) guys," the NL president says. "Tom Spencer coached last year for the Mets, and this year he's going to coach (third base) for Houston. He said, 'You know, they're only talking about the so-called big guys, but I'd like to manage; I've been successful managing in the minor

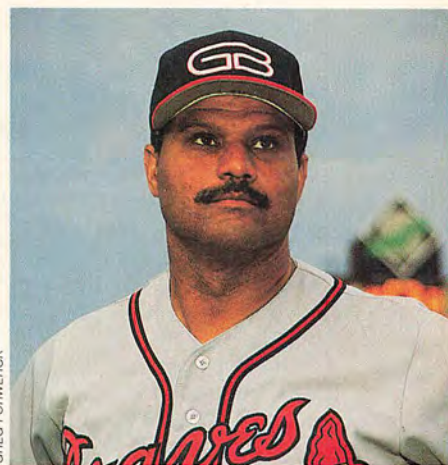
leagues.' There are many unknowns down there who are forgotten." The only other minority third base coach in the majors is Jerry Manuel at Montreal.

"One of the things that impressed me was Torre bringing Baylor in (as Cardinals batting coach)," White says. "Here's a manager bringing in the guy who was supposedly No. 2 for his job in St. Louis. Joe showed a lot of guts to do that. Most managers want people who don't threaten them." And most general managers want people with whom they feel comfortable. Old teammates perhaps, or longtime friends. The buddy system is hard to beat.

So despite all the headlines over the Campanis affair, despite White's selection as NL president and his behind-the-scenes efforts to place minorities, and despite the commissioner's repeated pleas, only two blacks are currently employed as major league managers.

Campanis, the longtime Los Angeles Dodgers' general manager who lost his job because of that interview on *Nightline*, is writing a book now. He's trying to set the record straight after his TV appearance that focused attention on baseball's hiring practices and changed his life.

The man who taught Jackie Robinson the fine points of playing second base, the front-office executive who became known as The Chief may have reflected inadvertently the attitudes of many baseball people that night when he suggested that blacks lacked the "necessities" to manage in the major leagues. The word he meant to use,



Chambliss is managing in the minors.

Campanis still maintains, was "experience."

"How would you like to be in a straight-backed chair at home plate (in an empty Astrodome) looking back towards the stands in semidarkness, this thing crackling in your ear?" Campanis asks. "And all of a sudden, after saying what a wonderful athlete Jackie Robinson was, (ABC's Ted Koppel) says, 'Why don't we have more black managers?'"

Campanis hadn't expected the question; he wasn't prepared with the answer. Perhaps the simple truth is, there was no good answer then, just as there is no good answer today. ■



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By TOM PEDULLA
Gannett News Service

It wasn't all that long ago that the New York Yankees were one of the proudest franchises in all of sports. But the Yankees fell victims to poor management and standpattism, and their dismal performance on the field reflected the chaos off it. The image seems to be changing in some degree.

Positive steps finally were taken when free agents Danny Tartabull and Mike Gallego were signed in early January to contracts totaling a combined \$30.6 million.

Tartabull, one of the most prized players on the free agent market, signed a five-year, \$25.5 million deal with the Yankees. The outfielder batted .316 with 31 home runs and 100 RBI for Kansas City in 1991. Tartabull's slugging percentage of .593 was the highest in the major leagues, and he was the Royals' only representative in the All-Star Game last summer.

Gallego, an infielder who will play second base or shortstop, received a three-year contract worth \$5.1 million. Gallego played in 159 games for Oakland in 1991, including 135 at second base. He hit .247 with 12 home runs and 49 RBI.

The signings followed the election of Daniel McCarthy as the Yankees' new managing general partner, succeeding Robert Niderlander. The New York club had been inactive during the winter meetings, causing criticism, and the unexpected moves reversed a trend of restraint on free spending for free agents. Suddenly, though, the partners decided to get Tartabull whatever it took.

Probable Opening Day Lineup

Bernie Williams	CF
Mike Gallego	SS
Don Mattingly	1B
Danny Tartabull	RF
Mel Hall	DH
Roberto Kelly	LF
Matt Nokes	C
Charlie Hayes	3B
Pat Kelly	2B
Scott Sanderson	P

General manager Gene Michael, frustrated by the Yankees' inaction earlier, said, "If they keep giving me money, I'll spend it. I like spending money."

Meanwhile, principal owner George Steinbrenner sought reinstatement as managing general partner. The Yankees' principal owner was forced to resign by baseball commissioner Fay Vincent in 1990 after it was discovered that Steinbrenner had been involved with admitted gambler Howard Spira. Vincent's action prohibited Steinbrenner from being active in club operations.

However, if two lawsuits against the commissioner related to Steinbrenner's ouster,

including one of \$30 million brought by Leonard Kleinman, the Yankees' chief operating officer, are dropped, the club owner may be reinstated.

Michael fired Stump Merrill as manager immediately after the 1991 season ended. Third base coach Buck Showalter was hired to replace Merrill. Michael then set out to fill the team's need at third base, with free agent Steve Buechele as his target. But Yankee higher-ups thwarted Michael at that time, and he was unable to make an offer. Buechele subsequently resigned with Pittsburgh.

STARTING PITCHING

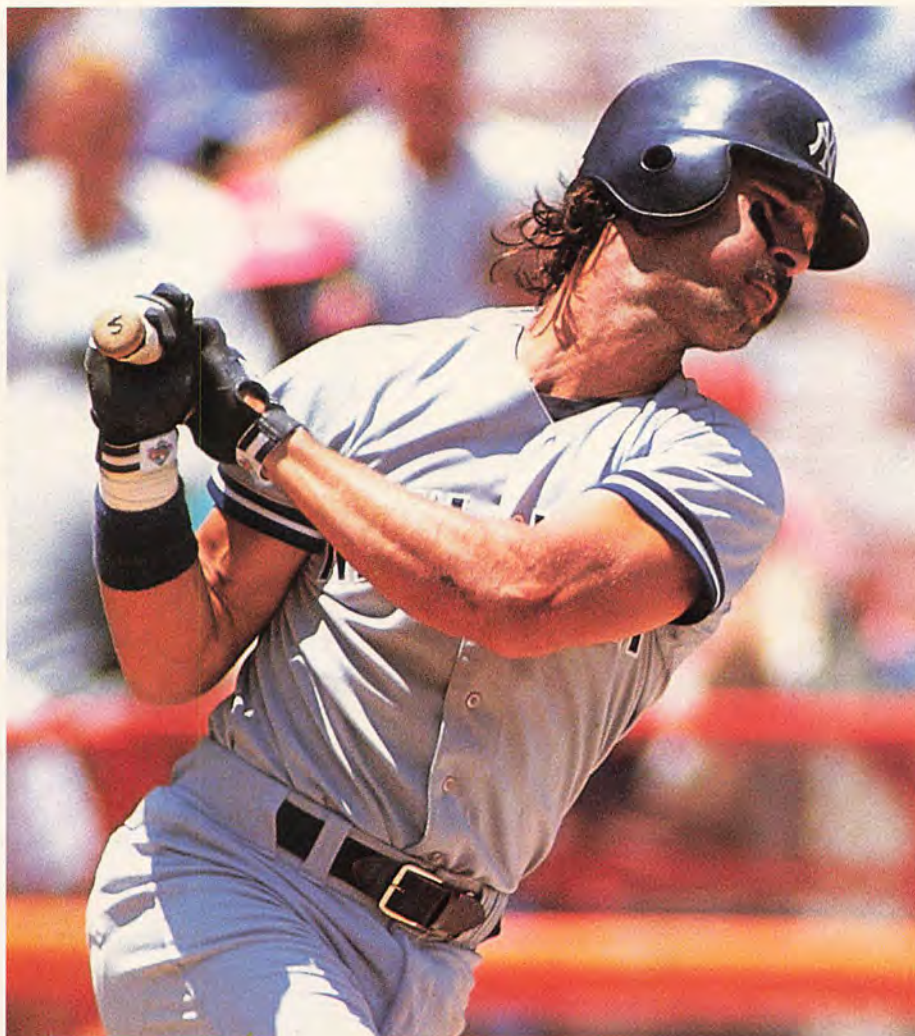
This has been an area of concern. The failure of the starting pitching contributed greatly to the team's woes last summer, when the starters were 45-68 with a 5.07 ERA and only three complete games.

The problem was addressed by trading second baseman Steve Sax to the Chicago White Sox for starter-reliever Melido Perez and two minor league pitchers. Perez, brother of the Yankees'

Pascual Perez, had a puzzling 1991. He had always been a starter but was so ineffective in that capacity in the early weeks that he was sent to the bullpen. There, throwing both long and short relief, he went 7-3, 2.22 with 85 strikeouts and 24 walks in 89 innings. Overall, Perez was 8-7, 3.12.

The Yankees again will depend heavily on Scott Sanderson (16-10, 3.81), whom they acquired from Oakland for a mere \$100 in December 1990. He proved to be a steal. Sanderson's record represented the highest victory total by a Yankee pitcher since Rick Rhoden posted an identical mark in 1987. Sanderson was the only New York pitcher to surpass 200 innings, with 208. That was 81 innings more than the next-highest total.

Sanderson gave the Yankees two of their three complete games, but, at age 35, he is essentially a six-inning pitcher. The key to the right-hander's success is control. Sanderson allowed only 1.3 walks per nine innings, second-best mark for an AL starter. His strikeout-to-walk



DON MATTINGLY

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KATHY DAVISON

DANNY TARTABULL

ratio (4.5) placed second in the major leagues to Greg Swindell.

The importance of Sanderson to the Yankees cannot be underestimated. He accounted for 22.5 percent of the team's victories.

The Yankees think right-hander Pascual Perez (2-4, 3.18) can have an outstanding season. Then again, they have been waiting for that from Perez ever since he signed a three-year, \$5.7 million contract as a free agent in November 1989.

Perez pitched less than one month for the Yankees in 1990 before it became obvious he was damaged goods. He underwent shoulder surgery later that season and has missed most of the last two years due to injury. Perez finally was able to stay healthy after he joined the rotation in mid-August of '91 and had 10 trouble-free starts. Despite a losing record, he allowed more than three runs in only two of his 14 starts. Perez can make a difference if he stays healthy.

The Yankees can't be sure what to expect from two other veteran starters, Tim Lary (4-10, 6.49) and Mike Witt, who pitched only 5½ innings in two games. Lary, the Opening Day pitcher last season, declined sharply and was dropped from the rotation at the All-Star break. He made only 11 appearances after that.

Witt is not expected back before the All-Star break. There is no assurance that he will be able to return at all. Witt underwent surgery—reconstruction of the ulnar collateral ligament in his right elbow—last July 25. A tendon in Witt's leg was used to replace one in his elbow.

The Yankees broke in three rookie starters last June, right-handers Wade Taylor and Scott Ka-

mieniecki, and left-hander Jeff Johnson. The ability of the three to take hold at the major league level will go a long way toward determining the team's future.

Taylor (7-12, 6.27) showed the most promise. He placed second to Sanderson in victories. Kamieniecki (4-4, 3.90) allowed three earned runs or fewer in seven of nine starts before being disabled in early August. He must show he is fully recovered from surgery to repair a disc in the left side of his neck. Johnson's 6-11 record and 5.95 ERA hardly were surprising, considering that he was brought to New York with only 10 triple-A starts behind him.

RELIEF PITCHING

Free agent signee Steve Farr was effective in his first season as the closer, recording a career-high 23 saves (in 29 save opportunities) to go with a 2.19 ERA. Can he do it again? Farr is 35 and was bothered late in the season by a sore shoulder. The gutsy right-hander has a slim margin for error because he relies on finesse more than velocity. His days as a closer may be numbered.

Steve Howe (3-1, 1.68 and three saves) was charged with cocaine possession in the off-season, leaving his future uncertain. Howe, who has been suspended five times from baseball because of drug and alcohol abuse, signed a contract for a salary of \$600,000 plus incentives that could make it worth \$2.3 million.

Unsung Greg Cadaret (8-6, 3.62) is a more important member of the staff than many realize. He was called on a team-leading 68 times and

for the third straight season helped the Yankees as a starter and reliever. He did his best work last season in the bullpen, fashioning a 2.85 ERA in 63 appearances.

Right-hander John Habyan toiled in the minor leagues for nine seasons before finding his niche and enjoying his first full major league season. Habyan (4-2, 2.30) flourished as a middle reliever.

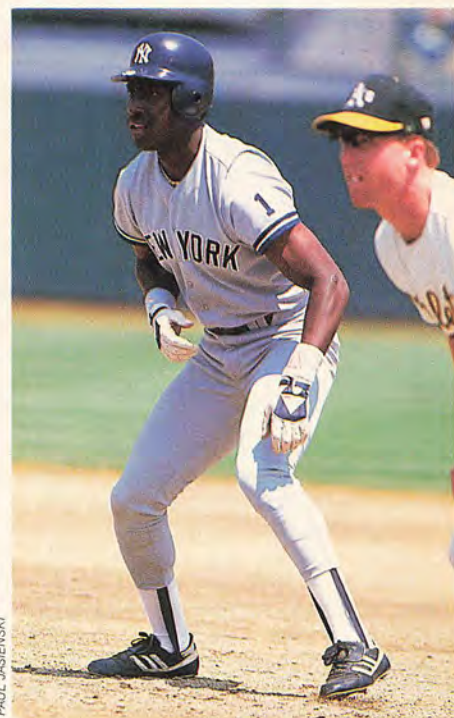
For tough left-handed hitters, there is left-hander Lee Guetterman. He held them to a .175 batting average in '91 and has permitted them only five home runs in his career. There is some concern about Guetterman, however. Although he finished 3-4 with a 3.68 ERA, his ERA rose to 4.99 after the All-Star break.

CATCHING

Matt Nokes is an offensive force. His 24 home runs led the club and tied Detroit's Mickey Tetleton for the most by a major league catcher. The left-handed-hitting Nokes was born to loft fly balls into Yankee Stadium's short right-field porch. The trouble is that he's a liability behind the plate. Nokes threw out only 31 of 129 potential base stealers (24 percent). He also needs work at handling pitchers. His likely backup, rookie John Ramos, has the same reputation.

INFIELD

As team captain Don Mattingly goes, so go the Yankees. And Mattingly, plagued by chronic back problems, hasn't gone very well the last couple of years. He hit above .300 every year from 1984-89 and drove in more than 100 runs in all but one of those seasons, but he hasn't approached those levels recently. Mattingly's



PAUL JASIEWSKI

ROBERTO KELLY

averages the last two years were .256 and .288; his RBI totals were 42 and 68. The Yankees need more, much more, from their Gold Glove first baseman.

The Yankees spent much of the off-season investigating trade possibilities involving Sax before making a deal. Sax led the Yankees in batting average (.304), games (158), at-bats (652), runs (85), hits (198), doubles (38) and multihit games (58). The Yankees are eager to install 24-year-old Pat Kelly (.242-3-23) at second base and leave him there for years.

The left side of the infield commanded a great deal of attention in the off-season. The club searched desperately for a third baseman. At press time it appeared that Philadelphia third baseman Charlie Hayes (.230-12-53) would be the player to be named in a trade that sent pitcher Darrin Chapin to the Phillies.

In Gallego, the Yankees acquired a second baseman who also has played shortstop. New York's 1991 shortstop, Alvaro Espinoza (.256-5-33), made 21 errors, tied for the second-highest total among AL shortstops.

OUTFIELD

The right-handed batting Tartabull, 29, started 124 games in right field for Kansas City in 1991. He will be the Yankees' cleanup hitter. Tartabull's 100-RBI season was his third in five years with the Royals. He has hit 15 or more home runs for six straight seasons.

Bernie Williams (.238-3-34), brought up from triple-A Columbus halfway through last season to play center field, is also new in an outfield that is very strong defensively.

Williams already ranks as one of the league's better center fielders. The switch-hitter's emergence caused Roberto Kelly (.267-20-69) to shift to left, where he was more impressive than he was in center. Kelly finished with 56 errorless games. Seven of his eight assists came in left field.

Right fielder Jesse Barfield (.225-17-48) owns 159 career outfield assists to rank second on the all-time active list. He has not batted above .246 in any of the last four seasons. At age 32, Barfield is not the feared slugger he was in the mid-1980s.

BENCH

The Yankees can't be sure which Kevin Maas (.220-23-63) will show up in 1992. Will it be the Rookie of the Year runner-up who hit 21 home runs and drove in 41 runs in three months in 1990? Or will it be the Maas who failed as the designated hitter in the second half of last season, batting .181 with nine home runs and 29 RBI?

Outfielder Mel Hall (.285-19-80) comes off a career year, providing left-handed power, but the Yankees are not sure how he will fit into their plans. Randy Velarde is an adequate utility infielder. Rookie Mike Humphreys is among the candidates for a reserve role in the outfield. ■

YANKEES LEADERS '91

Avg.	Sax .304	HR	Nokes 24	RBI	Hall 80	SB	R. Kelly 32
ERA	Farr 2.19	Wins	Sanderson 16	K's	Sanderson 130	Saves	Farr 23

PITCHERS

No.	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1991 Club	G	IP	W-L	Sv	ERA
25 Cadaret, Greg	L-L	6-3	215	2-27-62	New York	68	121.2	8-6	3	3.62
26 Farr, Steve	R-R	5-11	206	12-12-56	New York	60	70.0	5-5	23	2.19
63 Gardella, Mike	R-L	5-10	195	1-18-67	Albany AA	53	77.2	4-5	11	3.82
35 Guetterman, Lee	L-L	6-8	230	11-22-58	New York	64	88.0	3-4	6	3.68
42 Habyan, John	R-R	6-2	191	1-29-64	New York	66	90.0	4-2	2	2.30
57 Howe, Steve	L-L	5-11	198	3-10-58	New York	37	48.1	3-1	3	1.68
					Columbus AAA	12	18.0	2-1	5	0.00
43 Johnson, Jeff	R-L	6-3	206	8-4-66	New York	23	127.0	6-11	0	5.95
					Columbus AAA	10	62.0	4-0	0	2.61
33 Kamieniecki, Scott	R-R	6-0	197	4-19-64	New York	9	55.1	4-4	0	3.90
					Columbus AAA	11	76.1	6-3	0	2.36
54 Leary, Tim	R-R	6-3	218	12-23-58	New York	28	120.2	4-10	0	6.49
Martel, Ed	R-R	6-1	190	3-2-69	Albany AA	25	163.1	13-6	0	2.81
45 Mills, Alan	R-R	6-1	190	10-18-66	New York	6	16.1	1-1	0	4.41
					Columbus AAA	38	113.2	7-5	8	4.43
Monteleone, Rich	R-R	6-2	236	3-22-63	New York	26	47.0	3-1	0	3.64
					Columbus AAA	32	46.2	1-3	17	2.12
Munoz, Roberto	R-R	6-7	210	3-3-68	Columbus AAA	1	3.0	0-1	0	24.00
					Ft. Lauderdale A	19	108.0	5-8	0	2.33
33 Perez, Melido	R-R	6-4	180	2-15-66	Chicago	49	135.2	8-7	1	3.12
34 Perez, Pascual	R-R	6-3	184	5-17-57	New York	14	73.2	2-4	0	3.18
21 Sanderson, Scott	R-R	6-5	192	7-22-56	New York	34	208.0	16-10	0	3.81
59 Smith, Willie	R-R	6-6	240	8-27-67	Albany AA	21	108.1	7-7	0	4.15
Springer, Russ	R-R	6-4	195	11-7-68	Albany AA	2	15.0	1-0	0	1.80
					Ft. Lauderdale A	25	152.1	5-9	0	3.49
Stanford, Larry	R-R	6-3	205	9-24-67	Albany AA	52	62.0	2-3	24	1.89
41 Taylor, Wade	R-R	6-1	193	10-19-65	New York	23	116.1	7-12	0	6.27
					Columbus AAA	9	61.0	4-1	0	3.54

CATCHERS

53	Ausmus, Brad	R-R	5-11	185	4-14-69	Albany AA	67	229	.266	1	29	14
						Prince William A	63	230	.304	2	30	17
12	Leyritz, Jim	R-R	6-0	190	12-27-63	New York	32	77	.182	0	4	0
						Columbus AAA	79	270	.267	11	48	1
38	Nokes, Matt	L-R	6-1	198	10-31-63	New York	135	456	.268	24	77	3
	Ramos, John	R-R	6-0	190	8-6-65	New York	10	26	.308	0	3	0
						Columbus AAA	104	377	.308	10	63	1

INFELDERS

20	Espinoza, Alvaro	R-R	6-0	190	2-19-62	New York	148	480	.256	5	33	4
9	Gallego, Mike	R-R	5-8	160	10-31-60	Oakland	159	482	.247	12	49	6
14	Kelly, Pat	R-R	6-0	180	10-14-67	New York	96	298	.242	3	23	12
						Columbus AAA	31	116	.336	3	19	8
24	Maas, Kevin	L-L	6-3	209	1-20-65	New York	148	500	.220	23	63	5
23	Mattingly, Don	L-L	6-0	192	4-20-61	New York	152	587	.288	9	68	2
	Silvestri, Dave	R-R	6-0	180	9-29-67	Albany AA	140	512	.262	19	83	20
	Snow, J.T.	S-L	6-2	202	2-26-68	Albany AA	132	477	.279	13	76	5
18	Velarde, Randy	R-R	6-0	190	11-24-62	New York	80	184	.245	1	15	3

OUTFIELDERS

29	Barfield, Jesse	R-R	6-1	201	10-29-59	New York	84	284	.225	17	48	1	
27	Hall, Mel	L-L	6-1	214	9-16-60	New York	141	492	.285	19	80	0	
36	Humphreys, Mike	R-R	6-0	185	4-10-67	New York	25	40	.200	0	3	2	
					Columbus	AAA	117	413	.283	9	53	34	
39	Kelly, Roberto	R-R	6-2	192	10-1-64	New York	126	486	.267	20	69	32	
31	Meulens, Hensley	R-R	6-3	212	6-23-67	New York	96	288	.222	6	29	3	
	Tartabull, Danny	R-R	6-1	210	10-30-62	Kansas City	132	484	.316	31	100	6	
51	Williams, Bernie	S-R	6-2	196	9-13-68	New York	85	320	.238	3	34	10	
					Columbus	AAA	78	306	.294	8	37	9	
62	Williams, Gerald	R-R	6-2	190	8-10-66	Columbus	AAA	61	198	.258	2	27	9
					Albany	AA	45	175	.286	5	32	18	

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By PETER SCHMUCK
The Baltimore Sun

The Orioles have every reason to look forward to 1992, even if the past two seasons were symptomatic of a team that has not been entirely willing to do what is necessary to be competitive in the American League East. In a year when almost everything that could go wrong did go wrong, only Cal Ripken Jr. lived up to Baltimore's catchy "Season to Remember" 1991 promotional campaign.

The new stadium, Oriole Park at Camden Yards, which will be ready for Opening Day, gives the club a flashy springboard from which to launch a new era. The youthful nucleus of the club will be a year older and should have learned something from last year's disheartening collapse. The starting pitching has to be better for the simple reason that it probably couldn't get any worse than it was when the front office began assembling the rotation of the future in late July.

Manager John Oates, who took over the club when Frank Robinson was fired on May 23, 1991, has a new two-year contract and a firm grip on the realities facing his team. If nothing else, great expectations that preceded the Orioles in each of the past two seasons have been tempered enough to allow this year's club to find its own level.

Still, those amazing last-to-first success stories in Minnesota and Atlanta figure to keep hope alive for immediate success. Stranger things have happened.

Probable Opening Day Lineup

Luis Mercedes	LF
Mike Devereaux	CF
Cal Ripken Jr.	SS
Glenn Davis	1B
Randy Milligan	DH
Chito Martinez	RF
Leo Gomez	3B
Chris Hoiles	C
Bill Ripken	2B
Mike Mussina	P

STARTING PITCHING

One pitching statistic told the whole story last year. In 43 games, more than a fourth of the season, the Orioles trailed by three runs or more at some point in the first three innings. So, in effect, one out of every four games was over almost before it started.

The club seriously overestimated its pitching strength entering the season, but the result was a reorganization that, if successful, could propel Baltimore into contention this year. The rotation has been overhauled, starting with the off-season acquisitions of right-hander Storm Davis (3-9, 4.96) from Kansas City in a trade and free agent Rick Sutcliffe, who signed a one-year, \$1.2

million contract. Davis, who got his major league start with Baltimore in 1982 and was there through '86, came back to the Orioles in a trade that sent catcher Bob Melvin to the Royals. Sutcliffe, a 35-year-old right-hander who won the Cy Young Award in 1984, was 6-5, 4.10 with the Chicago Cubs last year.

Mike Mussina emerged last August as one of the most promising right-handers in the league (4-5, 2.87) and will arrive in spring training with a lock on one of the five slots in Oates' rotation. So will 1989 first-round draft choice Ben McDonald, though two years of injuries and an unimpressive performance last season have put a dent in his can't-miss reputation.

McDonald turned in a commendable half-season (8-5, 2.43 ERA) after joining the club in 1990, but he was 6-8 with a 4.84 ERA in 1991 when the third in a series of arm and shoulder problems forced him out of the rotation in mid-September.

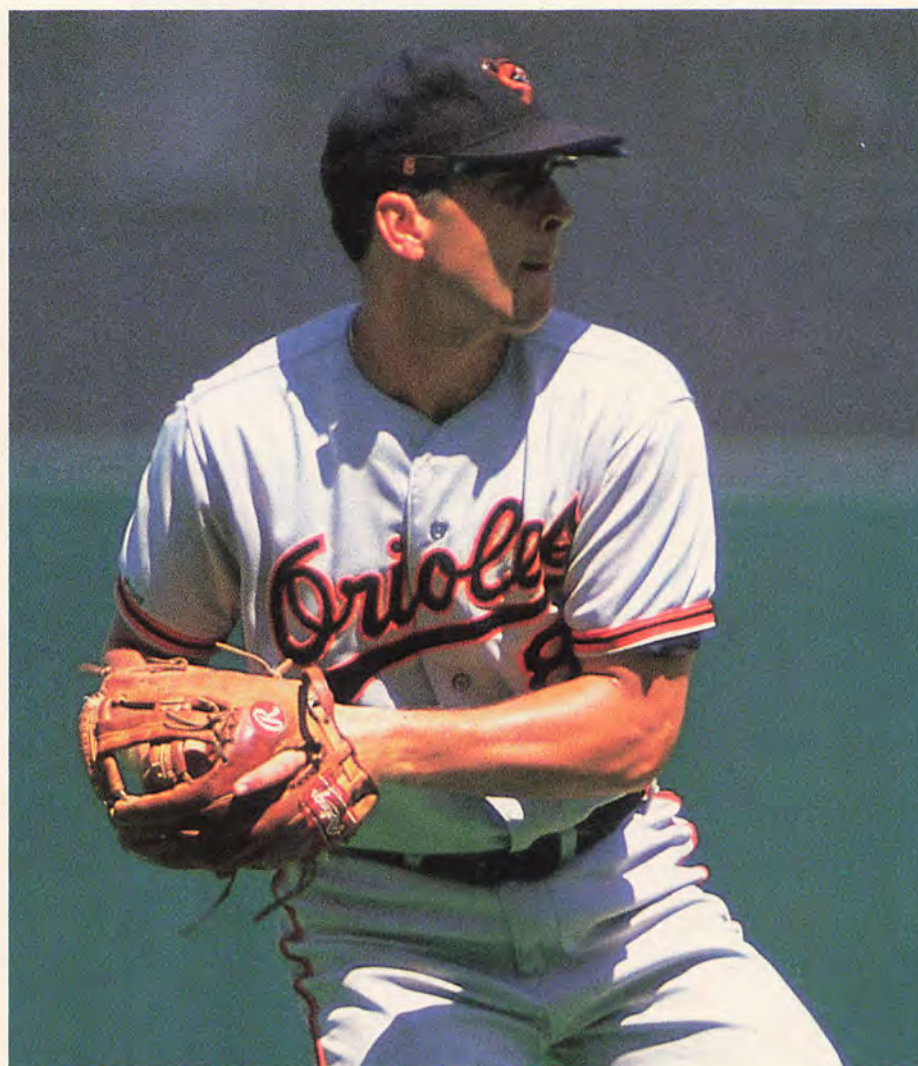
Not one of the original five starters was in the

rotation wire to wire. Right-hander Bob Milacki (10-9, 4.01) came the closest, entering the rotation in May and staying there for the rest of the season. The club tried a variety of veterans—including Jeff Ballard and Roy Smith—before deciding in late July to throw out the old and go with the young pitchers they hope will carry them through the '90s.

The Orioles would like to come out of spring training with a starting rotation of Mussina, Milacki, McDonald, Sutcliffe and Davis or minor league prospect Arthur Rhodes. However, it appears that Rhodes will spend at least part of 1992 at triple-A Rochester. That probability should leave room for one more starter.

RELIEF PITCHING

The Orioles should enter the 1992 season with surprising depth in the bullpen, where two journeymen minor leaguers emerged to provide a surplus in middle relief and a 39-year-old left-hander came home to roost.



CAL RIPKEN JR.

KATHY DAVISON

New Baltimore Park Delights Traditionalists

There will be no more miracles on 33rd Street. The Baltimore Orioles have moved out of Memorial Stadium, their home for 38 years, and will move into a brand new downtown ballpark on Opening Day.

Oriole Park at Camden Yards is nearing completion in the same neighborhood where Babe Ruth spent his boyhood. It has been built on the very site where the Babe's parents ran a saloon at the turn of the century. Talk about a link to baseball's storied past.

The Orioles and the Maryland Stadium Authority envisioned a stadium that captured the ambience of baseball's golden age while incorporating all of the conveniences of a state-of-the-art facility. The result is a unique, brick-faced ballpark that honors tradition and contributes to the renewal of Baltimore's Inner Harbor.

This could be the start of something. The architectural plans for proposed stadiums in



Oriole Park at Camden Yards

both Cleveland and Arlington, Texas, also are expected to embrace baseball tradition and reject the modern, all-purpose designs that have dominated stadium construction in the past three decades.

Though the team and the stadium authority had little trouble agreeing on the architecture, it took months for the two parties to agree on the name. Maryland governor William Donald Schaefer wanted the stadium called Camden Yards, after the historic railroad yards that made the site a bustling commercial center during the 19th century. Baltimore owner Eli Jacobs wanted to call it Oriole Park. Hence the lengthy compromise.

The B&O warehouse that towers over right field will house Orioles offices and Stadium Club. Nearby Camden Station also will be renovated.

The stadium, built for the Orioles by the Maryland Stadium Authority at a cost of \$105 million, will feature larger seats and increased leg room.

—Peter Schmuck

Submarine-throwing right-hander Todd Froh-wirth (7-3, 1.87 in 51 games), signed as a minor league free agent out of the Philadelphia Phillies' organization last winter, turned out to be the most effective pitcher on the staff. Left-hander Jim Poole (3-2, 2.36), picked up from the Texas

Rangers in a minor league deal, made a good impression down the stretch.

But veteran Mike Flanagan (2-7, 2.38 in 64 games) was the most pleasant surprise, coming back to Baltimore after 3½ years in Toronto to establish himself as one of the league's best left-handed middlemen. Flanagan missed almost all of the 1990 season because of a tired arm.

The Orioles needed all the effective middle relief they could get. With the starting rotation in a crisis, there were plenty of innings to go around. Gregg Olson (4-6, 3.18) had 31 saves, giving him 95 over the past three campaigns. He was signed to a two-year, \$3.75 million contract after the season.

Mark Williamson, the No. 1 setup man, also struggled after '89 and '90 seasons in which he had a combined 18-7 record. He weathered a couple of nagging injuries to finish '91 at 5-5 with a 4.48 ERA.

CATCHING

Oriole brass had at least one good reason for trading Mickey Tettleton before the 1991 season: Chris Hoiles (.243-11-31) was ready to play regularly in the major leagues. Hoiles, who wasn't supposed to be a great receiver, had a decent defensive season and should be Baltimore's everyday catcher this year since Melvin is gone. Jeff Tackett, a reserve at Rochester, could be Hoiles' backup.

INFIELD

Funny, but no one is clamoring for Cal Ripken

Jr. to take a day off anymore. He owns the second-longest consecutive games streak in baseball history (1,573). The record is Lou Gehrig's 2,130. Ripken used to take some heat for the way playing every day supposedly sapped his strength down the stretch. But his performance in 1991 left that theory in the "flat earth" category and shattered the notion that his offensive skills are in decline.

Ripken (.323-34-114) reached career highs in every major offensive category. His 210 hits included 46 doubles. He ranked among the league leaders in virtually every offensive and defensive statistical category. He is the steadiest shortstop in the game and perhaps in the game's history.

Second baseman Bill Ripken (.216) is coming off a disappointing season at the plate after leading the club with a .291 average in '90. He also is a very steady defensive player but could find his place in the lineup jeopardized if he continues to struggle with the bat. The club probably will take another look at utility man Juan Bell (.172) this spring, but he has yet to prove that he can hit major league pitching.

Third baseman Leo Gomez led AL rookies with 16 home runs, but he has not yet established himself as a dependable hitter. He came to the major leagues with an all-hit, no-glove reputation but proved to be more consistent afield after he became the starter in early June. He hit his share of homers but was not a major offensive threat, not with a .233 batting average and 82 strikeouts. Once-promising Craig Worthington played his way out of the lineup early.

The Orioles entered the off-season with first base unsettled but clarified the situation in early



RANDY MILLIGAN



GREGG OLSON

November. Glenn Davis (.227-10-28 in only 49 games because of a neck injury) filed for free agency, but the day before teams other than the Orioles could make offers, the 30-year-old player agreed to a two-year contract with Baltimore guaranteeing \$6.665 million. "I didn't think it would be right to ask for a raise after what happened in 1991," Davis said. "I . . . let them know I wanted to work for my money."

Randy Milligan (.263-16-70) also is a capable first baseman. If Milligan is not traded, he could split time between first base and the designated hitter role, with Davis getting most of the playing time at first. However, after missing over 100 games in '91, Davis must prove he can go wire-to-wire.

OUTFIELD

Baltimore's outfield remains something of a mosaic. Center fielder Mike Devereaux (.260-19-59) is the only outfielder who toiled full-time last year and may be the only one to play every day in '92. He is a solid defensive outfielder whose power statistics are on the rise. The club sent Devereaux to the instructional league last fall to work on being a more complete offensive player. He has good speed but has yet to take full advantage of it.

Baltimore has a variety of options in right and left field, where as many as five outfielders have a chance for significant playing time. Surprising Chito Martinez (.269), who hit 13 home runs after he was purchased from Rochester in early July, again may share time in right field with Joe Orsulak (.278) and Dwight Evans (.270). Orsulak, David Segui (.278) and Brady Anderson (.230) will compete for playing time in left, but a couple of them could be displaced if Luis Mercedes (.204) emerges as an everyday player.

Mercedes impressed Orioles officials last spring with his baserunning aggressiveness, but disciplinary problems in Rochester slowed his arrival at the major league level. He just might be the leadoff hitter that the club has been looking for. Mercedes probably will be a pet project for new coach Davey Lopes.

BENCH

Though the Orioles do not have great organizational depth, Oates should have an array of solid role players to choose from in spring training.

Utility men Tim Hulett and Bell are back; Worthington has something to prove (or, at least, he should have); and there will be more outfielders than room on the roster for them.

Designated hitter Sam Horn (.233), who had outstanding run-production numbers in a part-time role (23 home runs, 61 RBI), returns, but the left-handed hitter could see his playing time eroded with Davis back, forcing Milligan, who bats right-handed, into the DH role. Actually, Horn and Milligan may platoon as DH. Also available are the right-handed-batting Evans and switch-hitting Segui. ■

ORIOLES LEADERS '91

Avg.	Ripken Jr.	.323	HR	Ripken Jr.	34	RBI	Ripken Jr.	114	SB	Devereaux	16
ERA	Frohwirth	1.87	Wins	Milacki	10	K's	Milacki	108	Saves	Olson	31

PITCHERS

No.	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1991 Club	G	IP	W-L	Sv	ERA
Davis, Storm	R-R	6-4	225	12-26-61	Kansas City	51	114.1	3-9	2	4.96
de la Rosa, Francisco	S-R	5-11	195	3-3-66	Baltimore	2	4.0	0-0	0	4.50
16 Flanagan, Mike	L-L	6-0	199	12-16-51	Rochester AAA	38	84.1	4-1	3	2.67
49 Frohwirth, Todd	R-R	6-4	205	9-28-62	Baltimore	64	98.1	2-7	3	2.38
					Baltimore	51	96.1	7-3	3	1.87
					Rochester AAA	20	24.2	1-3	8	3.65
Hetzel, Eric	R-R	6-3	180	9-25-63	Pawtucket AAA	19	116.0	9-5	0	3.57
Lewis, Richie	R-R	5-10	175	1-25-66	Rochester AAA	2	16.0	1-0	0	2.81
					Indianapolis AAA	5	27.2	1-0	0	3.58
19 McDonald, Ben	R-R	6-7	214	11-24-67	Harrisburg AA	34	74.2	6-5	5	3.74
					Baltimore	21	126.1	6-8	0	4.84
					Rochester AAA	2	7.0	0-1	0	7.71
53 Mesa, Jose	R-R	6-3	222	5-22-66	Baltimore	23	123.2	6-11	0	5.97
					Rochester AAA	8	51.1	3-3	0	3.86
18 Milacki, Bob	R-R	6-4	232	7-28-64	Baltimore	31	184.0	10-9	0	4.01
					Hagerstown AA	3	17.0	3-0	0	1.06
Mussina, Mike	R-R	6-2	182	12-8-68	Baltimore	12	87.2	4-5	0	2.87
					Rochester AAA	19	122.1	10-4	0	2.87
30 Olson, Gregg	R-R	6-4	206	10-11-66	Baltimore	72	73.2	4-6	31	3.18
Oquist, Mike	R-R	6-2	170	5-30-68	Hagerstown AA	27	166.1	10-9	0	4.06
Pennington, Brad	L-L	6-5	205	4-14-69	Frederick A	36	43.2	1-4	13	3.92
					Kane County A	23	23.0	0-2	4	5.87
15 Poole, Jim	L-L	6-2	203	4-28-66	Baltimore	24	36.0	3-2	0	2.36
					Texas	5	6.0	0-0	1	4.50
					Rochester AAA	27	29.0	3-2	9	2.79
53 Rhodes, Arthur	L-L	6-2	204	10-24-69	Baltimore	8	36.0	0-3	0	8.00
					Hagerstown AA	19	106.2	7-4	0	2.70
Sutcliffe, Rick	L-R	6-7	215	6-21-56	Chicago	19	96.2	6-5	0	4.10
					Iowa AAA	3	13.0	1-2	0	9.69
					Peoria A	1	9.0	0-0	0	6.00
50 Telford, Anthony	R-R	6-0	189	3-6-66	Baltimore	9	26.2	0-0	0	4.05
					Rochester AAA	27	157.1	12-9	0	3.95
32 Williamson, Mark	R-R	6-0	177	7-21-59	Baltimore	65	80.1	5-5	4	4.48

CATCHERS

	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1991 Club	G	AB	Avg.	HR	RBI	SB
Devares, Cesar	R-R	5-10	175	9-22-69	Frederick A	74	235	.251	3	29	2
23 Hoiles, Chris	R-R	6-0	206	3-20-65	Baltimore	107	341	.243	11	31	0
41 Tackett, Jeff	R-R	6-2	206	12-1-65	Baltimore	6	8	.125	0	0	0
					Rochester AAA	126	433	.236	6	50	3

INFIELDERS

	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1991 Club	G	AB	Avg.	HR	RBI	SB
Alexander, Manny	R-R	5-10	150	3-20-71	Hagerstown AA	3	9	.333	0	2	0
					Frederick A	134	548	.261	3	42	47
1 Bell, Juan	S-R	5-11	176	3-29-68	Baltimore	100	209	.172	1	15	0
37 Davis, Glenn	R-R	6-3	211	3-28-61	Baltimore	49	176	.227	10	28	4
					Hagerstown AA	7	24	.250	1	3	0
10 Gomez, Leo	R-R	6-0	202	3-2-67	Baltimore	118	391	.233	16	45	1
					Rochester AAA	28	101	.257	6	19	0
Gutierrez, Ricky	R-R	6-1	175	5-23-70	Rochester AAA	49	157	.306	0	15	4
					Hagerstown AA	84	292	.236	0	30	11
15 Horn, Sam	L-L	6-5	247	11-2-63	Baltimore	121	317	.233	23	61	0
36 Hulett, Tim	R-R	6-0	199	1-12-60	Baltimore	79	206	.204	7	18	0
39 Milligan, Randy	R-R	6-1	234	11-27-61	Baltimore	141	483	.263	16	70	0
3 Ripken, Bill	R-R	6-1	186	12-16-64	Baltimore	104	287	.216	0	14	0
					Hagerstown AA	1	5	.600	0	0	1
					Frederick A	1	4	.250	0	1	0
8 Ripken Jr., Cal	R-R	6-4	224	8-24-60	Baltimore	162	650	.323	34	114	6
21 Segui, David	S-L	6-1	200	7-19-66	Baltimore	86	212	.278	2	22	1
					Rochester AAA	28	96	.271	1	10	1
25 Worthington, Craig	R-R	6-0	200	4-17-65	Baltimore	31	102	.225	4	12	0
					Rochester AAA	19	57	.298	2	9	0

OUTFIELDERS

	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1991 Club	G	AB	Avg.	HR	RBI	SB
9 Anderson, Brady	L-L	6-1	185	1-18-64	Baltimore	113	256	.230	2	27	12
					Rochester AAA	7	26	.385	0	2	4
12 Devereaux, Mike	R-R	6-0	195	4-10-63	Baltimore	149	608	.260	19	59	16
24 Evans, Dwight	R-R	6-3	180	11-3-51	Baltimore	101	270	.270	6	38	2
Martinez, Chito	L-L	5-10	182	12-19-65	Baltimore	67	216	.269	13	33	1
					Rochester AAA	60	211	.322	20	50	2
11 Mercedes, Luis	R-R	6-0	193	2-20-68	Baltimore	19	54	.204	0	2	0
					Rochester AAA	102	374	.334	2	36	23
6 Orsulak, Joe	L-L	6-1	210	5-31-62	Baltimore	143	468	.278	5	43	6
Sherman, Darrell	L-L	5-9	160	12-4-67	Wichita AA	131	502	.295	3	48	43

Manager: John Oates

Coaches: Greg Biagini, Dick Bosman, Elrod Hendricks, Davey Lopes, Cal Ripken Sr.

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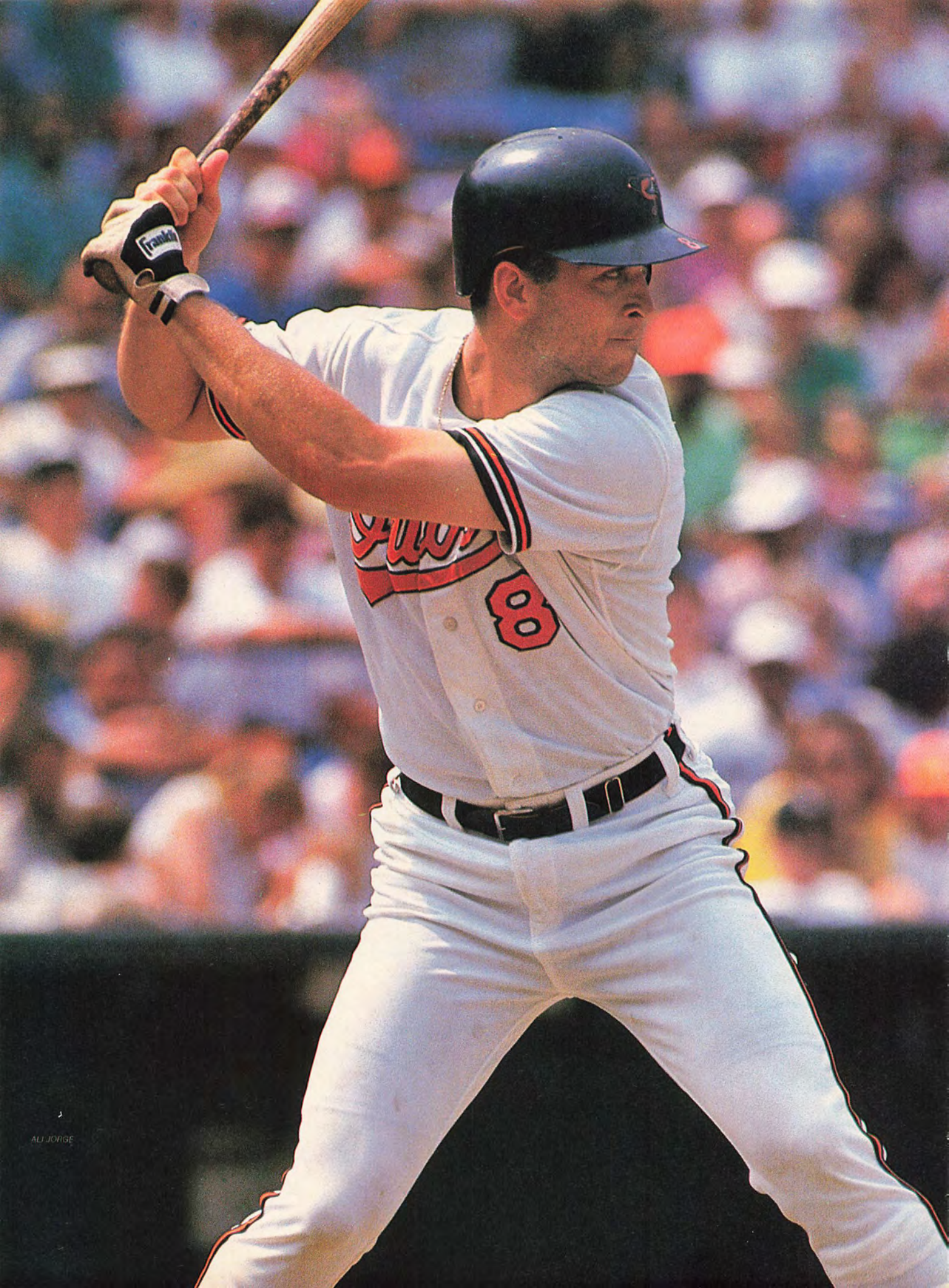
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STILL GOING

Baltimore shortstop Cal Ripken Jr. hasn't missed a beat as he pursues Lou Gehrig's consecutive-game streak

By PETER SCHMUCK
The Baltimore Sun

Cal Ripken Jr. remembers April 10, 1985, as clearly as if it were yesterday. It can't be easy to recall a single game in a 10-year baseball career, but he remembers it because that was the day the streak almost came to an end.

It wasn't *THE STREAK* yet, of course. It was more of a footnote than a headline. Ripken had played every inning of every game at shortstop for a little more than three seasons. If the ankle sprain he suffered that day seven years ago had kept him out of the Baltimore lineup for just one game, Lou Gehrig would be resting a little more peacefully now.

"It was the second day of the season, a Wednesday, and we were playing the Texas Rangers," Ripken remembers. "It was a pickoff play, and I caught my spikes on the top of the bag and turned my ankle all the way over—a severe sprain. It blew up like a balloon."

The schedule smiled on the streak. The Orioles were scheduled to play an exhibition game against the Naval Academy the following day. Ripken got a one-day reprieve and was in the starting lineup on Friday night.

"If we had played the next day, there was no way I could have gone out there," Ripken says. "Even driving to the park on that Friday night, I didn't think I would be able to play. But it didn't

carry the importance then that it does now. I didn't look at it as a streak. I just wanted to play."

That was 1,129 games ago. Ripken hasn't missed a start in more than nine seasons. The streak is 1,573 as Ripken heads into 1992. He has passed all of the other Gehrig pretenders. Steve Garvey reached 1,207 and then broke his hand. Billy Williams ran off 1,117 in a row. The last hurdle for Ripken between himself and Gehrig was Everett Scott, who played in 1,307 straight. The Iron Horse isn't hearing footsteps just yet, but his 2,130-game streak, a record that some thought would never be broken, is no longer safe.

This is where Ripken can become elusive. He is beginning to come to grips with the streak, but he is not always comfortable talking about it. He spent years trying to deny that it was a streak at all. It was just the by-product of his desire to be a part of the action every day.

"I never liked to watch baseball when I was a kid," Ripken says, "and I don't like to watch it now."

That may be true, but the streak has taken on a life of its own, and apparently the Orioles' shortstop has decided that he can live with it.

"It has become important the last couple of years," Ripken admits. "I'm proud of it."

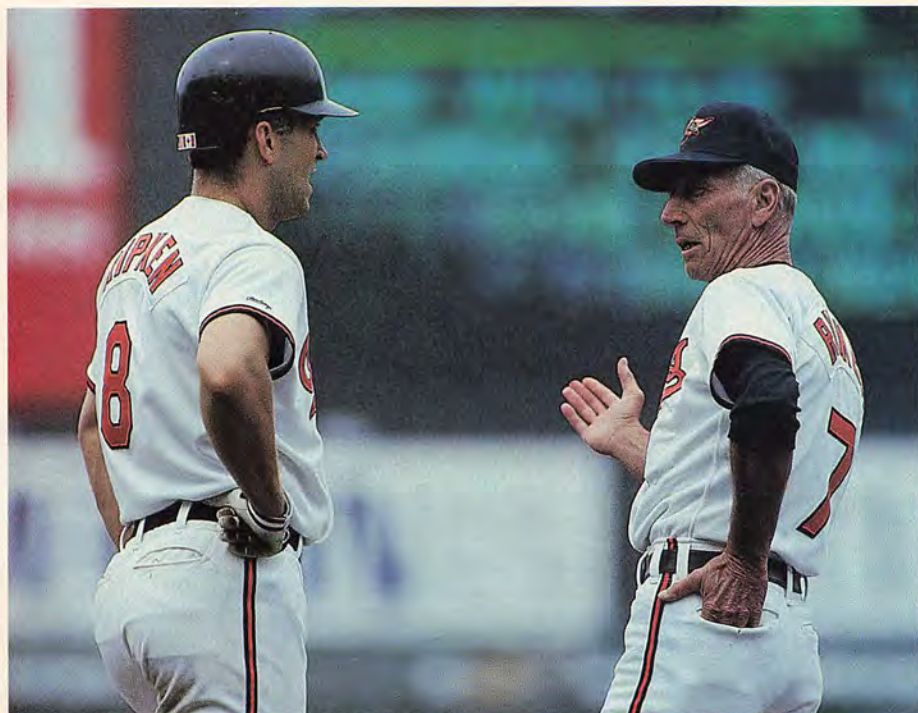
How does he do it? Gehrig played first base, a less demanding position than shortstop. Ripken has to take the dangerous double-play flip at second base, but he has managed to avoid hundreds of aggressive base runners while achieving American League-leading double-play totals in five of the past 10 seasons.

The streak has required a bit of luck



Most Consecutive Games Top 10

Lou Gehrig	2,130	Joe Sewell	1,103
Cal Ripken Jr.	1,573	Stan Musial	895
Everett Scott	1,307	Eddie Yost	829
Steve Garvey	1,207	Gus Suhr	822
Billy Williams	1,117	Nellie Fox	798



Ripken gets much of his stamina from dad Cal, an Oriole man for 35 years.

perhaps, but it hasn't progressed by accident. Every move is calculated. Every play seems to be choreographed for ultimate efficiency. If you want to see a Ripken rolling in the dirt or diving into the stands for a ball, you'll have to settle for Bill, Cal's younger brother who plays second base for the Orioles.

"To me, it's a style of play," Cal Ripken Jr. says. "Billy's style lends itself to being hurt. He'll dive into first base when he's out by three steps. I don't steal a lot of bases. I don't slide headfirst."

Cal Ripken Jr. is the biggest man (6-4, 225) ever to play full-time at shortstop. There is reason to wonder whether he commands deference from the opposition now that the streak has reached the Gehrig-threatening stage, but he doesn't think that anyone gives him slack at second base.

"Some of the guys you know the best and respect the most come at you the hardest," Ripken says. "It's more the size. When guys run into me, they risk injury, too."

Can Ripken catch Gehrig? Ripken is young enough (he's 31), durable enough and certainly disciplined enough. He will have to play every game, 558, for the next 3½ seasons. He will have to remain reasonably injury-free until July of 1995. He will have to deal with more and more of the same streak-related attention that he has tried to deflect. It will become a progressive burden as the streak nears 2,000 games.

Last year, Ripken found a way to divert attention from it. He had the season of his life, turning in a Most Valuable Player performance that included personal highs in batting average

(.323), home runs (34) and RBI (114) and left him among the league leaders in virtually every offensive and defensive category. The Baseball Writers Association of America made Ripken the first player in AL history to win the MVP award while playing for a losing club (he was MVP in 1983 with the world champion Orioles). He also received his first Gold Glove. He made only 11 errors in 807 chances (.986 fielding

percentage). Ripken set a major league record for shortstops in fielding (.996) in 1990 when he committed three errors. Other marks that year were 95 consecutive errorless games and 431 straight chances without an error.

Ripken's offensive turnaround couldn't have come at a better time. His late-season downturn the previous three seasons put the streak under a microscope. It had been too easy to conclude that the rigors of playing all 162 games each year were beginning to take a toll. Ripken, who has never promoted the streak, was forced to defend something he wasn't even ready to acknowledge.

It is common managerial strategy to give a slumping player a day or two off, but no Orioles manager could do that with Ripken. The streak has become as Baltimore as blue crabs. If it is going to end, it will end on Ripken's say-so or as a result of something beyond anyone's control. But after last season, one thing is certain: Nobody will be clamoring for him to take a day off any time soon.

While the baseball world was reflecting on the best season of Ripken's career, he was looking ahead to 1992, a critical season for a Baltimore team in transition. He already was looking for ways to improve on an individual season that all but a few Hall of Famers could only dream about.

"There are a lot of things I could improve on, specifically, defense," Ripken says. "I want to learn more about our younger pitchers so I can know how to position myself."

"My statistics were very good last year," Ripken adds, "but there is still a void. My performance was in no way comparable to 1983 because it did not contribute to a winning effort. The purpose of the game is to win." ■



CALculating Shortstops

Cal Ripken Jr. played his first full season at shortstop in 1983, and since then he has manned the position in 1,455 games. Among active shortstops, the St. Louis Cardinals' Ozzie Smith comes closest to that number. Smith played in 1,335 games—120 fewer than Ripken—from 1983-91. Here is how the other shortstops who have been in the majors since 1983 stack up to Ripken.

Player	Games Played at Shortstop Since '83	Games Fewer Than Ripken
Alfredo Griffin	1,205	250 (1 season, 88 games)
Alan Trammell	1,177	278 (1 season, 116 games)
Tony Fernandez	1,155	300 (1 season, 138 games)
Spike Owen	1,131	324 (2 seasons)
Garry Templeton	1,128	327 (2 seasons, 3 games)
Dick Schofield	1,053	402 (2 season, 78 games)
Rafael Ramirez	1,031	424 (2 seasons, 100 games)
Greg Gagne	971	484 (2 seasons, 160 games)
Dickie Thon	866	589 (3 seasons, 103 games)

CLEVELAND INDIANS



By PAUL HOYNES
The Cleveland Plain Dealer

In all probability the Cleveland Indians aren't going from last to first in 1992, emulating the feat of the world champion Minnesota Twins.

Those who may have marked the Indians as the next worst-to-best team in baseball would be well-advised to avoid the temptation. The Twins and Atlanta Braves went from last place to the World Series in '91, but such a turnaround is not likely in Cleveland.

"We've put this team together with the idea that it's going to start improving in 1993 and 1994," says general manager John Hart. "We want to win in 1992, but I'm not going to Band-Aid with free agents to do it. I think the only way a team develops chemistry and maturity is by playing together at the major league level."

The Indians may not have enough talent for a miracle. What they do have is youth—they ended last season as the youngest team in the major leagues—and the promise of a new ballpark that should be ready for Opening Day 1994.

STARTING PITCHING

Cleveland's primary concern is pitching. The starting rotation is thin and the bullpen is in a state of flux.

Probable Opening Day Lineup

Alex Cole	DH
Mark Lewis	SS
Carlos Baerga	2B
Albert Belle	LF
Mark Whiten	RF
Glenallen Hill	CF
Reggie Jefferson	1B
Sandy Alomar Jr.	C
Jim Thome	3B
Charles Nagy	P

The rotation grew even thinner when the Indians traded left-hander Greg Swindell, their top starter, to Cincinnati for right-handers Jack Armstrong, Scott Scudder and Joe Turek in November. Hart said Armstrong and Scudder will be added to the rotation. Turek is a minor league prospect at present.

Swindell could have been a free agent after the 1992 season. The Indians made him a three-year offer worth \$9 million, but he wanted a four-year deal. Swindell went 9-16 last season, but still tied for the team lead in starts (33) and led in complete games (seven), innings pitched (238) and strikeouts (169).

"We hated to trade Greg," Hart says, "but when he turned down an offer that would have made him the highest-paid player in Indians history, we decided we were not on a sign-Swindell-at-all-cost mission."

Armstrong (7-13, 5.48) and Scudder (6-9, 4.35) fit Cleveland's player profile well. They're

young—Scudder is 24, Armstrong 27—and relatively inexpensive. Scudder made \$140,000 and Armstrong \$215,000 last year. Swindell made \$2.025 million. The newcomers have promise, too, although it hasn't been realized.

Charles Nagy (10-15, 4.13), who completed his first full major league season in '91, is in line to be the No. 1 starter. The right-hander pitched 211½ innings and would have notched a better won-loss record if the offense, the lowest-scoring unit in the American League, had supported him. Nagy could count on an average of only 3.4 runs per nine innings pitched.

Other starters could include Rod Nichols (2-11, 3.54), who made 16 starts while bouncing between the bullpen and the rotation, and left-hander Dave Otto (2-8, 4.23), who made 14 starts after beginning the season in Class AAA.

Denis Boucher, Eric Bell and Jeff Shaw are

other candidates. In the minors, Jeff Mutis, Gerard Dipoto, Greg Roscoe, Paul Byrd and Curtis Leskanic may help the Indians. Mutis, 11-5 at Class AA Canton-Akron last year, lost three straight starts with the Indians in a brief June test.

Boucher was acquired from Toronto. Bell was signed as a minor league free agent and went 4-0 in relief after getting a September call-up. Shaw pitched long relief last year.

In a winter-meetings trade with the Los Angeles Dodgers, Cleveland got Dennis Cook, a starting pitcher, and Mike Christopher, a reliever, and gave up hard-throwing Rudy Seanez.

RELIEF PITCHING

Steve Olin, a submarining right-hander, has become the main man in the bullpen. He returned from the minors in '91 and saved 17 games from July 19 through the end of the sea-



ALBERT BELLE

son. Olin has trouble against left-handed hitters—they batted .330 against him last year—but he's still the Tribe's most dependable reliever.

The Indians had a hard time filling the stopper role. Doug Jones, the franchise leader in saves, suffered through a poor start and eventually was sent to the minors. He wasn't offered a contract for 1992. Shawn Hillegas took over and pitched well in the first half. When he struggled in the second half, Olin assumed the job.

Cleveland thinks that Olin and Hillegas could form a stopper duo if someone doesn't emerge in spring training. Club officials also liked the work Bell did as a left-handed setup man. Jesse Orosco, a 34-year-old left-hander, was traded to Milwaukee. He had been signed by the Indians through this season, and they had tried since 1990 to trade him. He wasn't used after Sept. 13, 1991.

Shaw and Kevin Wickander are contenders in the bullpen. Shaw performed well in 28 relief appearances. Wickander is a left-hander who impressed the Indians in Instructional League.

"Our pitching is a little unsettled," says manager Mike Hargrove. "We haven't decided on the No. 1 starter. The rotation isn't set, but we have a good group of arms to choose from."

CATCHING

If Sandy Alomar Jr. can return to full health, catcher probably is Cleveland's strongest position. Alomar, Rookie of the Year in 1990, played only 51 games last season because of an inflamed rotator cuff in his right shoulder and a strained right hip flexor. He hit .217 and drove in seven runs.



CARLOS BAERGA



MARK LEWIS

Joel Skinner played in 99 games in Alomar's absence and hit .243. More importantly, he is a skilled receiver, calls a smart game and has a strong right arm. Last year Skinner threw out 31 percent (24 of 78) of would-be base stealers. At one point, he nailed seven straight. He missed the last two weeks of the season with a sore right shoulder.

INFIELD

Youth and promise characterize the infield.

Rookie Reggie Jefferson, 23, is expected to start at first base. Carlos Baerga, 23, moved from third to second last July. Both are switch-hitters.

Mark Lewis, 22, will challenge slick fielder Felix Fermin, 28, at shortstop in spring training. Rookie Jim Thome, 21, is expected to start at third unless he has a bad spring. Thome, a left-handed hitter, was the Indians minor league player of the year in 1990.

Utility men Jerry Browne and Tony Perez-chica could fill in for Thome against left-handed pitchers. Browne is a switch-hitter.

Baerga is the most polished of the young infielders. He hit .288 last year and played 158 games in his second major league season. After starting the season at third, he moved to second and teamed with Fermin to give the Indians a respectable double play combination.

Jefferson, Thome and Lewis haven't played a full year in the majors yet. Lewis, the second player taken in the 1988 draft, hit .264 in 84 games last year while playing shortstop and second base. He prefers to play short and will get a chance to win the job this spring.

Dave Rohde, who has played three infield positions, was acquired, along with outfielder Kenny Lofton, from Houston in a trade that sent catcher Eddie Taubensee and pitcher Willie Blair to the Astros.

Cleveland committed the most errors in the league last season. To help correct the defense—especially with the prospect of such a young infield playing together in 1992—the Indians hired Ron Clark as bench coach. Clark received much credit for the performance of the Seattle infield in 1991.

"There's a lot of talent here," Clark says. "I'm going to give everybody a game plan and let them work on it. We want to play hard in every inning of every game. It doesn't matter if we're winning 10-2 or losing 10-2."

OUTFIELD

When the Indians traded pitcher Tom Candiotti to Toronto last year, they did it for two reasons: (1) Like Swindell, they weren't going to pay Candiotti the kind of money he wanted in a long-term deal and (2) they didn't want to lose him without any return through free agency.

Cleveland had grown tired of watching Mike Huff, Mitch Webster, Beau Allred and Turner Ward in the outfield. They had little power and so-so speed, and not one of them displayed an above-average throwing arm.

For Candiotti, the Indians received outfielders Mark Whiten and Glenallen Hill along with Boucher. Whiten became an immediate starter in right field. Hill played center field when he wasn't ailing from a disc problem. Suddenly, the Indians had the kind of power-hitting outfielders

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ALI JORGE

they hadn't had since the days of Joe Carter, Mel Hall and Cory Snyder.

Whiten and Hill complemented Albert Belle, who played only 123 games because of suspensions, demotions and injuries yet led the club with 28 homers and 95 RBI.

Whiten is expected to start in right field this season with Belle the leading candidate for left. Center field is still unsettled. If Hill recovers from a herniated disc, the job may be his. Then again, it could go to Alex Cole. Or to Lofton, who has tremendous potential. He hit .308 with 17 triples and had 27 outfield assists for triple-A Tucson last year.

Cole caught the Indians' attention in 1990 when he hit .300 from the leadoff spot, stole 40 bases in 63 games and played a decent center field. They thought he was going to be their catalyst on offense and defense in '91. But Cole, who dislocated his right shoulder during spring training and pulled an abdominal muscle early in the season, put too much pressure on himself to be very effective.

Cole played poorly on defense. Further, he stole only 27 bases in 122 games. The one thing he did do was hit. Cole batted .295 and had a .386 on-base percentage from the leadoff spot, and will open the '92 season as the DH.

"Alex fits in with us," Hart says. "He's a good offensive player. We know we have a good lead-off hitter in him."

Hill also was used in the leadoff spot. But if Hill's back prevents him from playing defense and running the bases hard, he's a likely candidate to be the designated hitter.

In 1990, Chris James batted .299 as the Tribe's DH with 12 homers and 70 RBI. The addition of Whiten and Hill cost James playing time last year, and he hit only .238. His season ended when he underwent surgery to repair a torn rotator cuff in his right shoulder, and the Indians decided not to offer him a new contract.

Belle moved into the Indians' cleanup spot by hitting 11 home runs in spring training. He never left it except for a six-game suspension for hitting a heckling fan with a baseball, a demotion to the minors for not running out a ground ball, and a broken jaw.

"Albert Belle established himself as a major league player last year," Hart says.

BENCH

If Belle isn't the starting left fielder, he'll be the starting DH. Mike Aldrete (.262) played first base and in the outfield, and pinch-hit last season.

Browne, who began '91 at second base, will play a major role off the bench. He went to the instructional league to work on his play at third base and center field. Last season he was the club's top pinch hitter, batting .324.

Carlos Martinez, who became the regular DH after being called up from Class AA on July 12, hit .284. He could get the same job if Cole returns to center field. ■

INDIANS LEADERS '91

Avg.	Cole	.295	HR	Belle	28	RBI	Belle	95	SB	Cole	27
ERA	Olin	3.36	Wins	Nagy	10	K's	Swindell	169	Saves	Olin	17
	Shaw										

PITCHERS

No.	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1991 Club	G	IP	W-L	Sv	ERA	
77	Armstrong, Jack	R-R	6-5	215	3-7-65	Cincinnati	27	139.2	7-13	0	5.48
					Nashville AAA	6	37.1	2-0	0	2.65	
63	Bell, Eric	L-L	6-0	165	10-27-63	Cleveland	10	18.0	4-0	0	0.50
					Colo. Spr. AAA	4	25.1	2-1	0	2.13	
					Canton-Akron AA	18	93.1	9-5	0	2.89	
49	Boucher, Denis	R-L	6-1	195	3-7-68	Cleveland	5	22.2	1-4	0	8.34
					Toronto	7	35.1	0-3	0	4.58	
					Colo. Spr. AAA	3	14.1	1-0	0	5.02	
					Syracuse AAA	8	56.2	2-1	0	3.18	
35	Christopher, Mike	R-R	6-5	205	11-3-63	Los Angeles	3	4.0	0-0	0	0.00
					Albuquerque AAA	63	77.1	7-2	16	2.44	
36	Cook, Dennis	L-L	6-3	185	10-4-62	Los Angeles	20	17.2	1-0	0	0.51
					Albuquerque AAA	14	91.2	7-3	0	3.63	
					San Antonio AA	7	50.2	1-3	0	2.49	
45	DiPoto, Jerry	R-R	6-2	203	5-24-68	Canton-Akron AA	28	156.0	6-11	0	3.81
46	Egloff, Bruce	R-R	6-2	215	4-10-65	Cleveland	6	5.2	0-0	0	4.76
					Colo. Spr. AAA	15	29.1	1-2	2	3.38	
38	Hillegas, Shawn	R-R	6-2	223	8-21-64	Cleveland	51	83.0	3-4	7	4.34
64	Kramer, Tom	S-R	6-0	185	1-9-68	Cleveland	4	4.2	0-0	0	17.36
					Colo. Spr. AAA	10	11.1	1-0	4	0.79	
					Canton-Akron AA	35	79.1	7-3	6	2.38	
26	Lilliquist, Derek	L-L	6-0	214	2-20-66	San Diego	6	14.1	0-2	0	8.79
					Las Vegas AAA	33	105.1	4-6	2	5.38	
50	Mutis, Jeff	L-L	6-2	185	12-20-66	Cleveland	3	12.1	0-3	0	11.68
					Canton-Akron AA	25	169.2	11-5	0	1.80	
41	Nagy, Charles	L-R	6-3	200	5-5-67	Cleveland	33	211.1	10-15	0	4.13
54	Nichols, Rod	R-R	6-2	190	12-29-64	Cleveland	31	137.1	2-11	1	3.54
31	Olin, Steve	R-R	6-2	190	10-10-65	Cleveland	48	56.1	3-6	17	3.36
					Colo. Spr. AAA	22	44.1	3-2	6	4.47	
27	Otto, Dave	L-L	6-7	210	11-12-64	Cleveland	18	100.0	2-8	0	4.23
					Colo. Spr. AAA	17	94.2	5-6	0	4.75	
47	Scudder, Scott	R-R	6-2	185	2-14-68	Cincinnati	27	101.1	6-9	1	4.35
57	Shaw, Jeff	R-R	6-2	185	7-7-66	Cleveland	29	72.1	0-5	1	3.36
					Colo. Spr. AAA	12	75.2	6-3	0	4.54	
33	Thomas, Mike	L-L	6-2	175	9-2-69	Columbia A	30	40.1	4-2	15	2.41
					Sumter A	19	27.0	4-1	5	3.35	
53	Wickander, Kevin	L-L	6-2	202	1-4-65	Colo. Spr. AAA	12	11.2	1-0	2	2.31
					Canton-Akron AA	20	25.1	1-2	0	3.91	

CATCHERS

15	Alomar Jr., Sandy	R-R	6-5	200	6-18-66	Cleveland	51	184	.217	0	7	0
						Colo. Spr. AAA	12	35	.400	1	10	0
4	Skinner, Joel	R-R	6-4	204	2-21-61	Cleveland	99	284	.243	1	24	0

INFELDERS

9	Baerga, Carlos	S-R	5-11	165	11-4-68	Cleveland	158	593	.288	11	69	3
14	Browne, Jerry	S-R	5-10	170	2-13-66	Cleveland	107	290	.228	1	29	2
16	Fermin, Felix	R-R	5-11	170	10-9-63	Cleveland	129	424	.262	0	31	5
					Colo. Spr. AAA		2	8	.250	0	1	0
44	Jefferson, Reggie	S-L	6-4	210	9-25-68	Cleveland	26	101	.198	2	12	0
					Cincinnati	5	7	.143	1	1	0	0
					Colo. Spr. AAA	39	136	.309	3	21	0	0
					Canton-Akron AA	6	25	.280	0	4	0	0
					Nashville AAA	27	101	.307	3	20	3	0
10	Lewis, Mark	R-R	6-1	190	11-30-69	Cleveland	84	314	.264	0	30	2
					Colo. Spr. AAA	46	179	.279	2	31	2	0
42	Martinez, Carlos	R-R	6-5	175	8-11-65	Cleveland	72	257	.284	5	30	3
					Canton-Akron AA	80	295	.329	11	73	11	0
20	Perezchica, Tony	R-R	5-11	165	4-20-66	Cleveland	17	22	.364	0	0	0
					San Francisco	23	48	.229	0	3	0	0
					Phoenix AAA	51	191	.293	8	34	1	0
22	Rohde, Dave	S-R	6-2	182	5-8-64	Houston	29	41	.122	0	0	0
					Tucson AAA	73	253	.372	1	40	15	0
25	Thome, Jim	L-R	6-3	200	8-27-70	Cleveland	27	98	.255	1	9	1
					Colo. Spr. AAA	41	151	.285	2	28	0	0
					Canton-Akron AA	84	294	.337	5	45	8	0

OUTFIELDERS

29	Aldrete, Mike	L-L	5-11	185	1-29-61	Cleveland San Diego	85 12	183 15	.262 .000	1 0	19 1	1 0
						Colo. Spr. AAA	23	76	.289	0	8	0
8	Belle, Albert	R-R	6-2	200	8-25-66	Cleveland Colo. Spr. AAA	123 16	461 61	.282 .328	28 2	95 16	3 1
2	Cole, Alex	L-L	6-2	170	8-17-65	Cleveland Colo. Spr. AAA	122 8	387 32	.295 .188	0 0	21 3	27 1
1	Hill, Glenallen	R-R	6-2	210	3-22-65	Cleveland Toronto	37 35	122 99	.262 .253	5 3	14 11	4 2
28	Lofton, Kenny	L-L	6-0	180	5-31-67	Houston Tucson AAA	20 130	74 545	.203 .308	0 2	0 50	2 40
48	Pough, Clyde	R-R	6-0	173	12-25-69	Colo. Spr. AAA Kinston A Columbus A	2 11 115	2 30 414	.000 .167 .304	0 0 11	0 2 73	0 1 11
12	Tinsley, Lee	S-R	5-10	180	3-4-69	Canton-Akron AA Huntsville AA	38 92	139 303	.295 .224	3 2	8 24	18 36
23	Whiten, Mark	S-R	6-3	215	11-25-66	Cleveland Toronto	70 46	258 149	.256 .221	7 2	26 19	4 0

Manager: Mike Hargrove

Coaches: Rick Adair, Ken Bolek, Dom Chiti, Ron Clark, Jose Morales, Dave Nelson, Jeff Newman

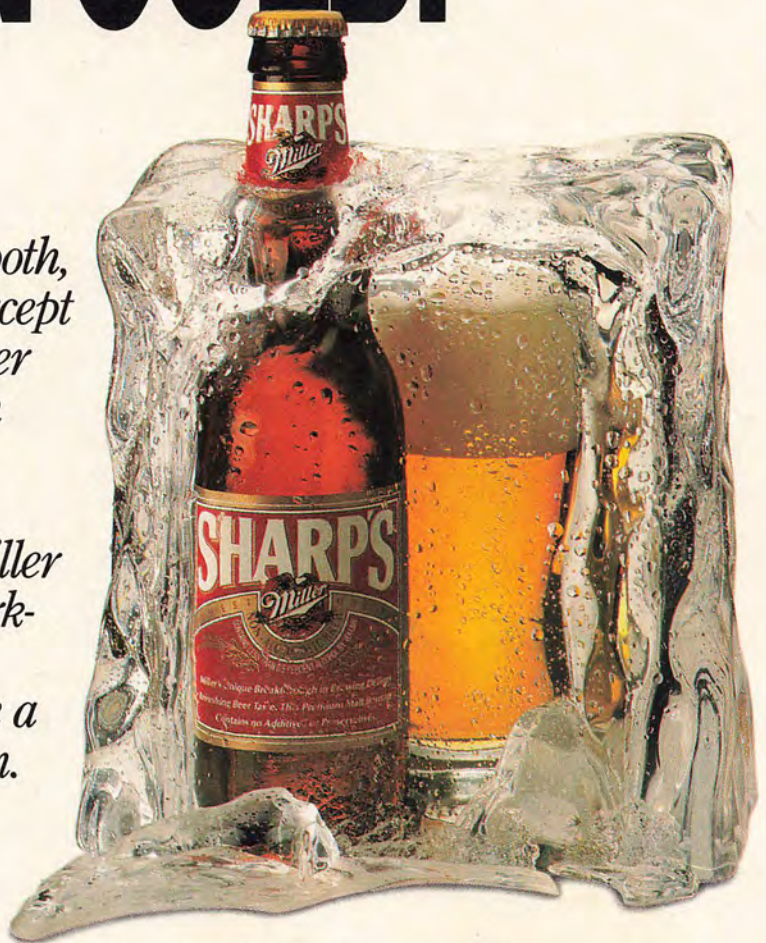
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After three years of dominating the American League, the Oakland A's bordered on collapse as they suffered through the 1991 season. With all their individual disappointments, the wonder is that the 1988-89-90 pennant winners finished fourth in the AL West.

Even those who performed at a quality level, such as right fielder Jose Canseco and reliever Dennis Eckersley, suffered in comparison to previous excellence. In virtually every area, the decline was pronounced.

What concerns the A's as they try to reclaim the league title is that several players are approaching the baseball equivalent of old age. Were their atypical statistics one-year aberrations or the beginning of the end? Because several veterans are in the last years of their con-

tracts, this could be a watershed season for the franchise.

Oakland management believes the club still has the talent to contend again, that just its luck needs to change.

STARTING PITCHING

Nowhere were the problems of the A's more evident than in the rotation. Starters were inconsistent all season.

The most noticeable and the most damaging decline was experienced by Dave Stewart. The four-time 20-game winner, long the bellwether of the staff, fell to 11-11 and a 5.18 ERA.

"Physically, he is the same as ever," says manager Tony La Russa. "He got caught up in mental things. When you have had a lot of success, it is hard to make adjustments, even when

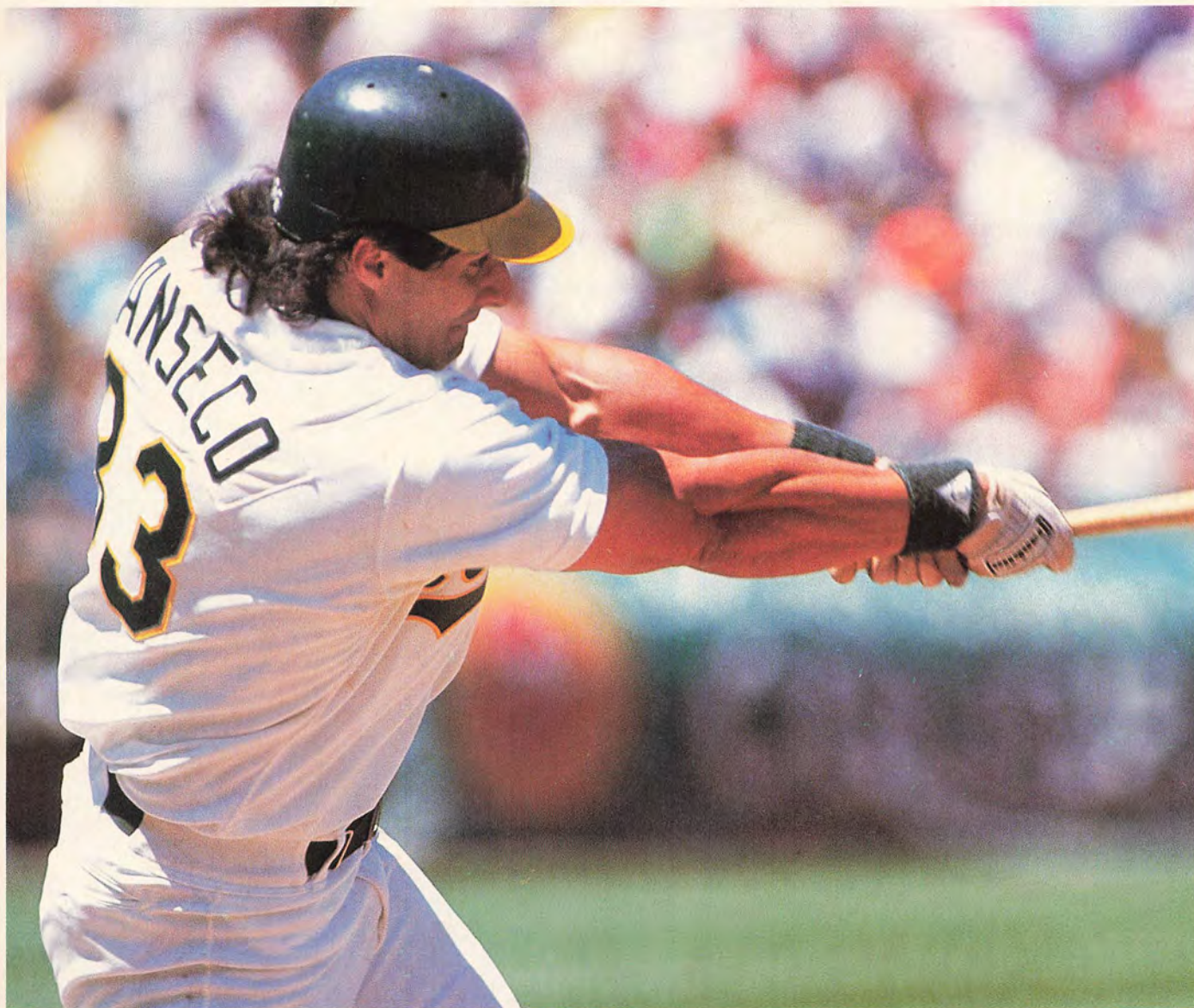
you are going poorly. I think he'll be fine."

Stewart merely says, "I am tired of analyzing what happened."

Stewart's return to form could have a ripple effect. Bob Welch, 1990 Cy Young Award winner, was affected by Stewart's woes. Welch pitched well in the first half but had just an 8-5 record to show for it. As he saw Stewart's and the team's season unraveling, Welch tried to do too much himself, according to La Russa. The result was a 12-13 record with a 4.58 ERA. It was Welch's first losing season since coming to the A's in 1988.

Stewart and Welch are both 35. Two years ago, they combined for 49 wins. Oakland is counting on the pair for 40-plus victories. If not, even fourth place might be difficult to reach.

Mike Moore (17-8, 2.96), the third starter, was



JOSE CANSECO

PAUL JASIENSKI



SCOTT J. LEVY

DAVE HENDERSON

the team's only successful pitcher. The right-hander grew stronger and more effective as the season progressed.

Ron Darling makes a perfect fourth starter. His record was 3-7, 4.08 after the A's acquired him from the Montreal Expos, but his pitching was better than his record suggests.

With Curt Young having departed, Joe Slusarski (5-7, 5.27), who gained experience as a rookie in 1991, will be the fifth starter. On the A's, the last man in the rotation sometimes works irregularly, an adjustment the 25-year-old right-hander should be able to handle.

Kirk Dressendorfer (3-3, 5.45) opened last year in the rotation. La Russa now admits that was a mistake, and the 23-year-old could spend the year in Class AAA.

RELIEF PITCHING

This is another area that went from a strength to a weakness, but here the problem was in-

juries. Rick Honeycutt (2-4, 3.58), the top left-hander in the bullpen, suffered a shoulder injury in spring training last year. He was out until June. Right-hander Gene Nelson (1-5, 6.84) sustained a broken little finger when hit by a foul in the dugout on Opening Night.

The loss of those two was too much for Oakland's bullpen to overcome. Eckersley's 43 saves were impressive enough, but the fact that he blew eight chances after missing on just three in 1990 gives one pause. La Russa attributes that to having to use Eckersley in less than ideal situations, sometimes because of the absence of Honeycutt and Nelson.

If any benefit resulted from the misfortunes of 1991, it was the valuable experience gained by young relievers. Left-hander Joe Klink (10-3, 4.35) was consistent. The rest of the relief corps will come from the following: Kevin Campbell, Steve Chitren, Bruce Walton, Johnny Guzman and Reggie Harris.

CATCHING

Many observers felt that the pitching staff's skid and the departure of veteran catcher Ron Hassey were not coincidental. Welch, in particular, profited from Hassey's guidance. When the A's let him leave after the 1990 season, the staff lost its father confessor.

However, Terry Steinbach continued to progress as a receiver and posted the second-best batting average (.274) of his career. Neither the pitchers nor the Oakland brass blamed the catching for the demise of the pitching.

Veteran Jamie Quirk (.261) returns as the backup. He's one of the best second-string catch-

ers in the league. His contributions during strategy sessions are invaluable.

INFIELD

Oakland's 1991 fate might have been sealed three months before the season began, when third baseman Carney Lansford tore knee ligaments in a snowmobile accident. He underwent surgery and tried to come back in midseason but gave up after five games.

As a result of Lansford's mishap, the A's spent \$3 million trying to find a third baseman. They got very little for their money: Vance Law (.209-0-9), Ernest Riles (.214-5-32) and Brook Jacoby (.213-0-20). None was Lansford's equal defensively, either.

Now Lansford has been pronounced fit. The A's are so confident in his ability to come back that they did not pursue anyone else for the job in the off-season, preferring to re-sign Lansford. If Lansford's comeback attempt fails, Oakland may call on Scott Brosius, Mike Bordick or Lance Blankenship. However, one of the three apparently will get the second base job.

Shortstop Walt Weiss' season also was curtailed by injury. He suffered torn ankle ligaments June 6 and never returned. It was the third serious injury sustained by the 1988 Rookie of the Year. When healthy, Weiss is among the best. Bordick's performance in Weiss' stead last year was encouraging to the A's, who know they have a capable replacement.

Free agent second baseman Mike Gallego accepted the New York Yankees' three-year, \$5.1 million offer, leaving Blankenship (.249-3-21 in

Probable Opening Day Lineup

Rickey Henderson
Carney Lansford
Jose Canseco
Harold Baines
Dave Henderson
Terry Steinbach
Mark McGwire
Randy Ready
Walt Weiss
Dave Stewart

LF
3B
RF
DH
CF
C
1B
2B
SS
P



KATHY DAVISON

MIKE MOORE

90 games), Bordick (.238-0-21 in 90 games), Brosius (.235-2-4 in 36 games) and Scott Hemond (.217 in 23 games) to fight it out. Later, the A's signed free agent Randy Ready (.249-1-20 at Philadelphia), who probably will start.

Oakland spent virtually the entire season trying to determine what was wrong with Mark McGwire. The first baseman, who exploded into the major leagues in 1987 with 49 home runs, 118 RBI and a respectable .289 batting average, was woeful last season. His average plummeted to .201, which would have been unacceptable even had his power numbers not also slipped. He hit 22 home runs and drove in 75 runs.

La Russa felt that as McGwire's frustration with his average grew, he tried to compensate. "He tried to salvage the season by going for home runs," says La Russa. "That made things worse. He denies it but I know what I saw."

The A's are hopeful that McGwire will regain his effectiveness under the guidance of new batting coach Doug Rader.

OUTFIELD

The A's have potentially the best group in baseball. Rickey Henderson, who last year surpassed Lou Brock as the all-time career base stealer, pouted his way to a substandard season. Although some outfielders would love to take a .268 batting average, 18 home runs, 57 RBI, 105 runs scored and 58 stolen bases to the bargaining table, those numbers are below what Henderson achieved the year before. La Russa is counting on Henderson's pride and disappointment in the team's showing to rekindle his competitive fires.

Henderson's discontent began in spring training and never subsided. The \$3.25 million annual salary he locked himself into for four years continued to shrink in his eyes as lesser players signed bigger contracts. Henderson keeps his own counsel but La Russa is optimistic.

Dave Henderson, probably the most underrated center fielder in the game, enjoyed a sensational first half but slowed down after the All-Star break. La Russa said he will try to give Henderson more days off to keep him fresh.

Canseco (.266-44-122) is capable of almost anything. His defense is sometimes shaky and he is susceptible to a slump, but no player can excite a crowd or carry a team like Canseco can.

BENCH

Harold Baines (.295-20-90) underwent knee surgery last winter and the joint was tender most of the season. The A's expect the left-handed swinger to be sound. A dependable hitter with men on base, Baines is one of the best clutch performers in the game.

Despite Willie Wilson's disappointing .238 batting average, the A's say they are satisfied with him as the backup outfielder.

Blankenship, Bordick, Brosius and Hemond can play several positions. ■

ATHLETICS LEADERS '91

Avg.	Baines	.295	HR	Canseco	44	RBI	Canseco	122	SB	R. Henderson	58
ERA	Eckersley, Moore	2.96	Wins	Moore	17	K's	Moore	153	Saves	Eckersley	43

PITCHERS

No.	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1991 Club	G	IP	W-L	Sv	ERA
53	R-R	6-3	185	9-22-67	Oakland	11	14.0	0-0	0	7.07
					Tacoma AAA	22	76.1	3-5	1	3.66
					Huntsville AA	2	4.1	2-0	0	0.00
55	R-R	6-2	225	12-6-64	Oakland	14	23.0	1-0	0	2.74
					Tacoma AAA	35	75.0	9-2	2	1.80
49	R-R	6-0	180	6-8-67	Oakland	56	60.1	1-4	4	4.33
17	R-R	6-3	195	8-19-60	Oakland	12	75.0	3-7	0	4.08
					Montreal	3	17.0	0-2	0	7.41
					New York (NL)	17	102.1	5-6	0	3.87
28	R-R	5-11	190	4-8-69	Oakland	7	34.2	3-3	0	5.45
					Tacoma AAA	8	24.0	1-3	0	10.88
43	R-R	6-2	195	10-3-54	Oakland	67	76.0	5-4	43	2.96
54	R-L	6-2	210	8-21-67	Huntsville AA	19	22.1	1-4	2	3.63
					Modesto A	11	13.1	1-0	2	2.70
41	R-L	5-10	155	1-21-71	Oakland	5	5.0	1-0	0	9.00
					Tacoma AAA	17	79.2	2-5	0	6.78
					Huntsville AA	7	44.0	2-1	0	3.48
32	R-R	6-1	190	8-12-68	Oakland	2	3.0	0-0	0	12.00
					Tacoma AAA	16	83.0	5-4	0	4.99
40	L-L	6-1	191	6-29-54	Oakland	43	37.2	2-4	0	3.58
					Modesto A	3	5.0	0-0	0	0.00
					Madison A	1	1.0	0-1	0	18.00
58	L-L	5-11	175	2-3-62	Oakland	62	62.0	10-3	2	4.35
					Modesto A	3	5.0	0-0	0	3.60
21	R-R	6-4	205	11-26-59	Oakland	33	210.0	17-8	0	2.96
19	R-R	6-0	174	12-3-60	Oakland	44	48.2	1-5	0	6.84
48	R-L	6-0	195	11-27-69	Huntsville AA	28	173.0	13-9	0	3.54
30	R-R	6-1	185	5-19-56	Oakland	23	51.2	1-2	0	5.92
					Tacoma AAA	8	40.1	3-2	0	2.68
					Modesto A	1	2.2	0-1	0	16.88
37	R-R	6-4	195	12-19-66	Oakland	20	109.1	5-7	0	5.27
					Tacoma AAA	7	46.1	4-2	0	2.72
34	R-R	6-2	200	2-19-57	Oakland	35	226.0	11-11	0	5.18
59	R-R	6-5	210	12-9-71	Oakland	1	4.2	0-0	0	9.64
					Huntsville AA	24	132.1	6-13	0	3.47
50	R-R	6-2	195	12-25-62	Oakland	12	13.0	1-0	0	6.23
					Tacoma AAA	38	46.2	1-1	20	1.35
35	R-R	6-3	198	11-3-56	Oakland	35	220.0	12-13	0	4.58

CATCHERS

	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	Club	G	AB	Avg.	HR	RBI	SB
39	R-R	5-11	185	7-23-69	Modesto A	116	388	.258	4	61	5
6	L-R	6-4	200	10-22-54	Oakland	76	203	.261	1	17	0
36	R-R	6-1	195	3-2-62	Oakland	129	456	.274	6	67	2

INFELDERS

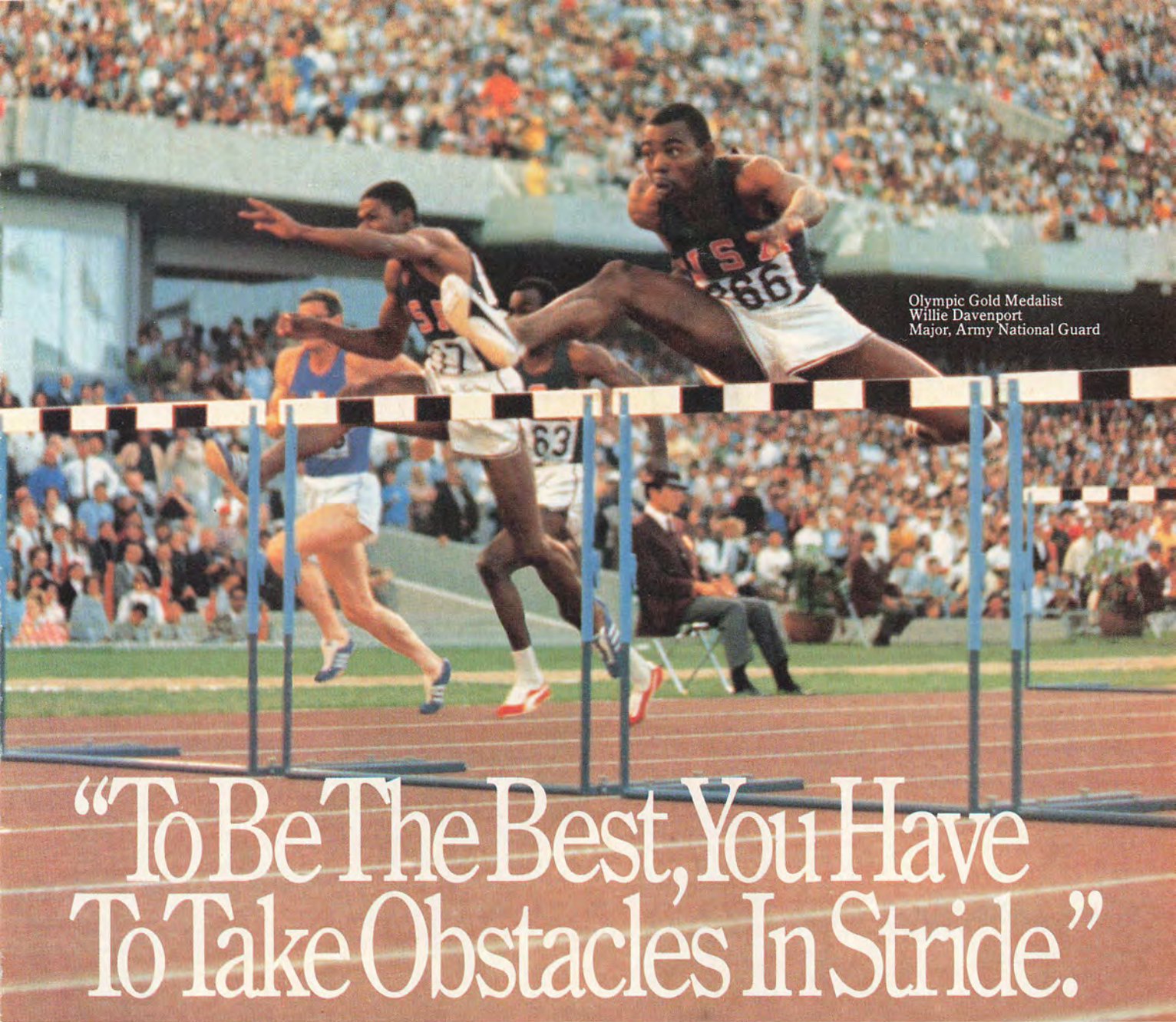
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12	R-R	6-0	185	12-6-63	Oakland	90	185	.249	3	21	12
					Tacoma AAA	30	109	.294	1	11	9
46	R-R	5-11	175	7-21-65	Oakland	90	235	.238	0	21	3
					Tacoma AAA	26	81	.272	2	14	0
45	R-R	6-1	185	8-15-66	Oakland	36	68	.235	2	4	3
					Tacoma AAA	65	245	.286	8	31	4
31	R-R	6-0	205	11-18-65	Oakland	23	23	.217	0	0	1
					Tacoma AAA	92	327	.272	3	31	11
23	L-R	6-5	205	2-13-64	Oakland	21	42	.167	1	3	0
					Tacoma AAA	122	449	.267	14	73	5
4	R-R	6-2	195	2-7-57	Oakland	5	16	.063	0	1	0
25	R-R	6-6	225	10-1-63	Oakland	154	483	.201	22	75	2
20	R-R	6-0	185	3-28-69	Huntsville AA	102	378	.262	8	60	0
Ready, Randy	R-R	5-11	180	1-8-60	Philadelphia	76	205	.249	1	20	2
22	S-R	6-0	175	11-28-63	Oakland	40	133	.226	0	13	6
57	L-L	6-3	215	6-28-67	Oakland	11	19	.053	0	0	0
					Tacoma AAA	122	431	.262	15	80	2

OUTFIELDERS

No.	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	Club	G	AB	Avg.	HR	RBI	SB
3	L-L	6-2	195	3-15-59	Oakland	141	488	.295	20	90	0
33	R-R	6-4	240	7-2-64	Oakland	154	572	.266	44	122	26
42	R-R	6-2	220	7-21-58	Oakland	150	572	.276	25	85	6
24	R-L	5-10	190	12-25-58	Oakland	134	470	.268	18	57	58
13	L-L	5-10	175	9-30-64	Oakland	8	9	.111	0	0	0
					Tacoma AAA	95	332	.268	3	44	5
16	S-R	6-3	200	7-9-55	Oakland	113	294	.238	0	28	20

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Americans At Their Best.

By ALAN SOLOMON
Chicago Tribune

It wasn't a fluke. After the Chicago White Sox rose from futility in 1989 to runner-up in the American League West in 1990, doubts were expressed.

Words like overachievers and (mindful of a previous one-season phenomenon) Orioles were heard. True, Chicago won seven fewer games in 1991 than in 1990, but the team still was in second place and in contention until late in the season.

The White Sox enter 1992 fully expecting to contend again in baseball's strongest division. They will do so with a new manager, Gene Lamont, who replaces Jeff Torborg (250-235 in three seasons).

They will do it also with a strengthened infield due to the acquisition of second baseman Steve Sax in a trade that sent pitcher Melido Perez and two minor league hurlers to the New York Yankees.

What's more, two new White Sox stars have fully emerged: Robin Ventura, who found power at the plate and confidence at third base, and Frank Thomas, who in his first full season delivered admirably.

STARTING PITCHING

Evidently feeling that Kirk McCaskill's (10-19, 4.26) record with the California Angels in 1991 was not indicative of his capability, the White Sox signed the 30-year-old free agent to a three-year contract worth \$6-7 million. The Angels scored just 16 runs in McCaskill's 19 defeats.

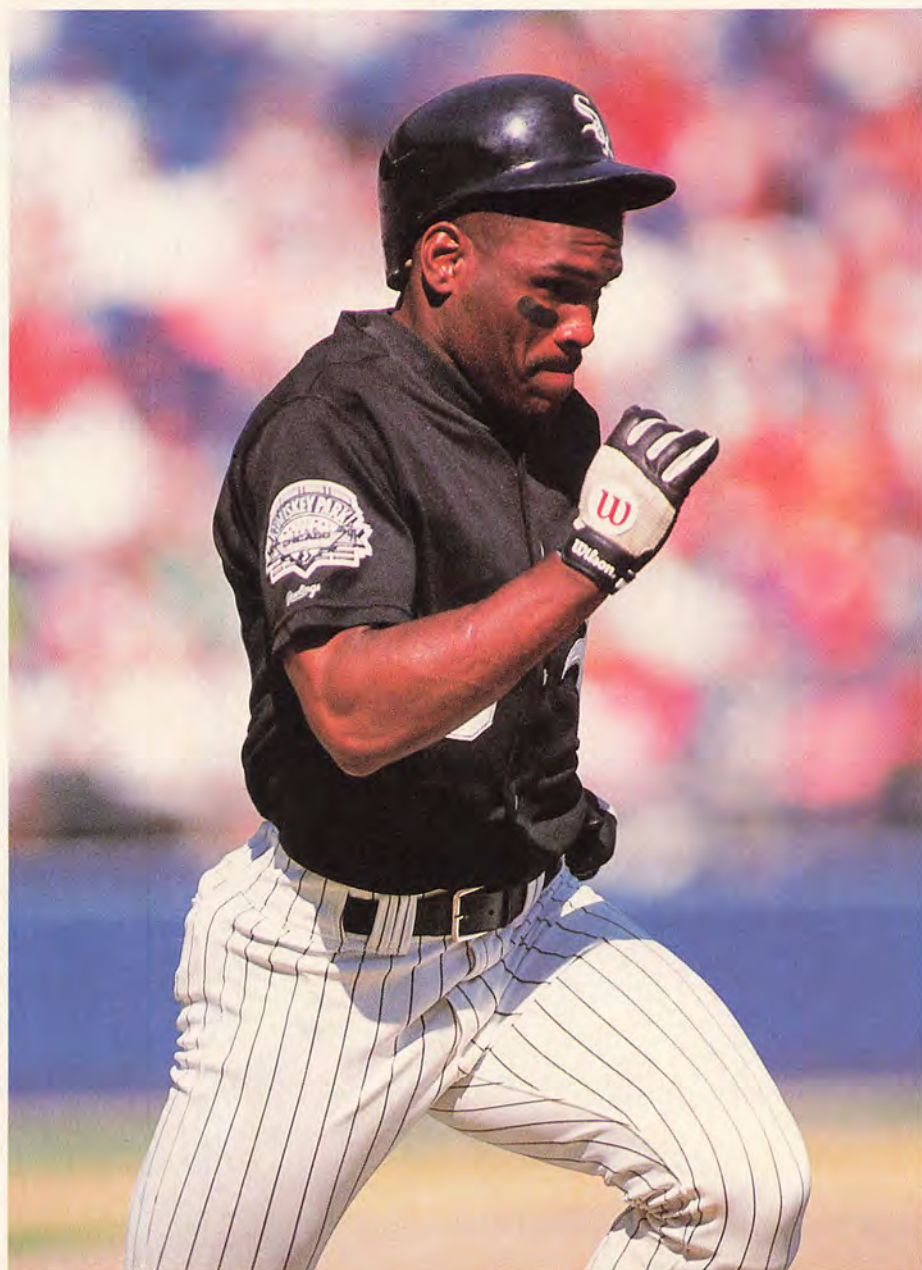
Probable Opening Day Lineup

Tim Lincecum	LF
Steve Sax	2B
Robin Ventura	3B
Frank Thomas	1B
Bo Jackson	DH
Carlton Fisk	C
Dan Pasqua	RF
Lance Johnson	CF
Ozzie Guillen	SS
Jack McDowell	P

Jack McDowell (17-10, 3.41) was even better than last year's record suggests. His 15 complete games led the major leagues. McDowell likely will start on Opening Day and should be the staff ace throughout.

Charlie Hough (9-10, 4.02) failed to win 10 games for the first time since 1981. Despite sore heels and advanced baseball age (44), Hough should produce one more time, at least. Only McDowell pitched more innings for the White Sox: 253½ to Hough's 199½.

Two years ago, sinkerball-throwing left-hander Greg Hibbard won 14 games, limiting opponents to 11 home runs. Last season, the



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sinker didn't always sink. He gave up 23 home runs. "It seems like every time I make a mistake, they hit it," Hibbard said at one point. The White Sox tried him in the bullpen briefly and sent him to Vancouver for 10 days. Hibbard finished the season a disappointing 11-11, 4.31.

Last season was a learning experience for 22-year-old Alex Fernandez (9-13, 4.51), who struggled against power hitters while coping with tenderness in his throwing shoulder. Nonetheless, he went 3-1, 2.25 in six September starts, prompting hopeful expectations.

Wilson Alvarez (3-2, 3.51) came up from

Class AA and pitched a no-hitter against the Orioles at Baltimore in his second major league start. Alvarez has winning stuff but must avoid tipping his pitches.

Roberto Hernandez, in his first major league appearance on Sept. 2, pitched six no-hit innings against Kansas City. At 27 and recovered from surgery for blood clots in his pitching arm (veins were transferred from his inner thigh to his right forearm), Hernandez may be the classic late-bloomer.

Except for McDowell, Hough and McCaskill, this is an enigmatic rotation. However, new

pitching coach Jackie Brown, formerly with Texas, could make a difference. "He's great at teaching new pitches," says Lamont. "Not that you're going to teach pitchers a trick pitch, but if somebody needs another pitch, Jackie is skilled at that."

RELIEF PITCHING

Bobby Thigpen (7-5, 3.49) saved 30 games in 1991, his fourth straight year with that many or more. He blew nine. The year before, he saved 57 and blew eight. The 10 home runs Thigpen allowed were double his 1990 total. He was a great closer in 1990; he was merely a good closer as he struck out 47 and walked 38 in 69½ innings.

Intermediate relievers are a White Sox strength. Opponents hit only .206 against left-hander Scott Radinsky (5-5, 2.02). Middleman Donn Pall (7-2, 2.41) boasted a sub-2.00 ERA much of the season. Left-hander Ken Patterson (3-0, 2.83) finally enjoyed some success against right-handers. In limited work, right-handers Brian Drahman (3-2, 3.23) and Steve Wapnick (0-1, 1.80) were effective.

Chicago pitchers tied for fourth in the AL West last season in ERA (3.79). Steady years from two starters and bullpen personnel complementing McDowell and Hough could elevate this staff to championship class despite the loss of Perez, who went 7-3, 2.22 as a reliever after

a sad start as a starter. Perez was 8-7, 3.12 overall.

CATCHING

All-Star Carlton Fisk (.241-18-74), 44, caught in 106 games. The White Sox wanted him back but didn't want to gamble the \$2.3 million guaranteed on his option. Fisk became a free agent, then re-signed for a guaranteed \$1 million and \$1.3 million more in incentives.

Backup Ron Karkovice (.246-5-22) may be the game's best defensive catcher (just two passed balls catching Hough's knucklers for 131½ innings). Karkovice will continue to catch Hough and toil on days following night games.

Karkovice and Fisk, with Matt Merullo (.229-5-21) as a versatile third man, give the White Sox perhaps the majors' best catching.

INFIELD

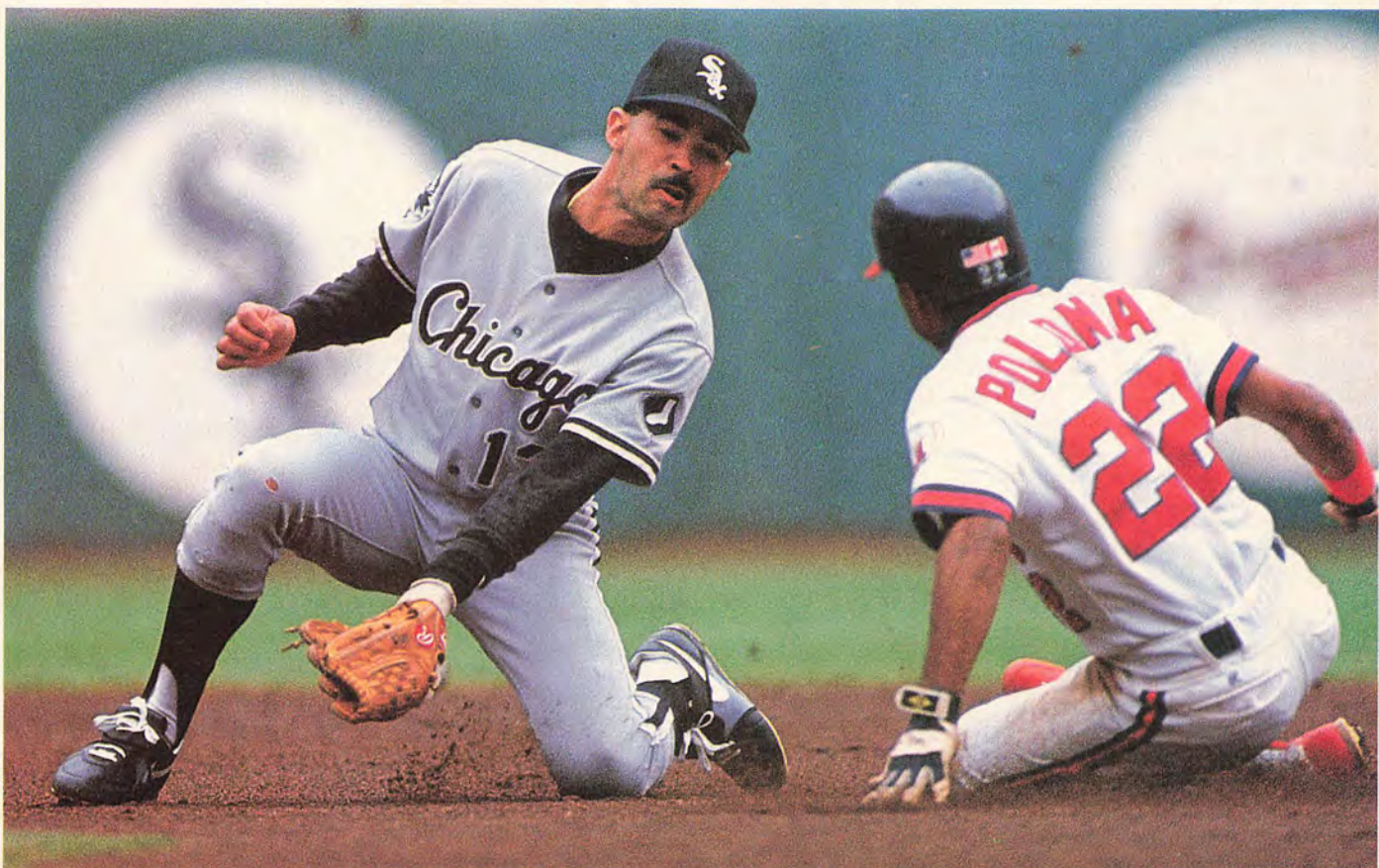
Sax (.304-10-56 and 31 stolen bases) enjoyed one of his best seasons in an 11-year career in 1991.

Detroit manager Sparky Anderson called Thomas and Ventura "the best players to come up together on one team since Jim Rice and Fred Lynn." Sparky wasn't exaggerating.

Ventura, after a bland rookie year, blossomed in 1991, batting .284 with 23 homers and 100 RBI. He earned a Gold Glove despite committing 18 errors, most by an AL third baseman.



ROBIN VENTURA



OZZIE GUILLEN

A sore shoulder limited Thomas to 56 starts at first base, but corrective surgery should permit him to play a full season. His hitting (.318-32-109) indicates that greatness is within reach.

In 1990, shortstop Ozzie Guillen (.273-3-49) won the Gold Glove, then lost it last year to Cal Ripken Jr. Fifteen errors in the season's first half raised questions. Only six errors in the second half answered them. At 28, Guillen is the veteran of this talented infield.

OUTFIELD

General manager Ron Schueler's first major trade in late 1990, after coming from Oakland, was picking up outfielder Tim Raines and pitcher Jeff Carter from Montreal for Ivan Calderon and Barry Jones. The club needed a leadoff man, and Raines (.268-5-50), with a .359 on-base percentage, filled the bill. The left fielder stole 51 bases and scored 102 runs. Raines' total of 685 career stolen bases ranks eighth on the all-time list.

A strong finish (.346 over his last 37 games) brought Lance Johnson's average up to .274. Further, he displayed some of the best center fielding in the AL. Only his limited throwing range keeps Johnson from being mentioned among the leading outfielders in baseball on defense.

Dan Pasqua (.259-18-66) apparently will play in right field, at least initially, with Sammy Sosa (.203-10-33).

It is doubtful that Bo Jackson (.225-3-14 in 71 at-bats as designated hitter) will see outfield duty. Jackson came back in early September from a hip injury in football that had threatened his baseball career. He had gone 6 for 19 in six minor league games before making his debut as a White Sox player.

BENCH

This was a Schueler priority during the winter. Left-handed pinch hitter Warren Newson (.295-4-25) was a pleasant surprise, but he has no position. Mike Huff (.251-3-25) is an adequate fifth outfielder. He's a skilled bunter, but a club needs more from its top right-handed pinch hitter.

Craig Grebeck (.281-6-31), who played third base, second base and shortstop, and listed generously at 5-7, is a diminutive player with surprising power. Switch-hitting Joey Cora (.241), who had 63 starts at second base last year, is insurance.

If Jackson can't make it, Fisk becomes the DH and Karkovice the regular catcher. However, Fisk needs to catch only 79 games to break Bob Boone's career record (2,225). It's a record Fisk wants.

Left-handed batter Merullo can play first as well as catch. Of the youngsters, left-handed-hitting outfielder Derek Lee will get a look.

Shortstop Esteban Beltre would benefit from another year in Class AAA. ■

WHITE SOX LEADERS '91

Avg.	Thomas	.318	HR	Thomas	32	RBI	Thomas	109	SB	Raines	51
ERA	Radinsky	2.02	Wins	McDowell	17	K's	McDowell	191	Saves	Thigpen	30

PITCHERS

No.	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1991 Club	G	IP	W-L	Sv	ERA
40 Alvarez, Wilson	L-L	6-1	175	3-24-70	Chicago	10	56.1	3-2	0	3.51
					Birmingham AA	23	152.1	10-6	0	1.83
41 Carter, Jeff	R-R	6-3	195	12-3-64	Chicago	5	12.0	0-1	0	5.25
					Vancouver AAA	41	79.2	3-7	4	3.05
50 Drahman, Brian	R-R	6-3	205	11-7-66	Chicago	28	30.2	3-2	0	3.23
					Vancouver AAA	22	24.1	2-3	12	4.44
45 Edwards, Wayne	L-L	6-5	185	3-7-64	Chicago	13	23.1	0-2	0	3.86
					Vancouver AAA	14	64.2	3-9	0	6.26
32 Fernandez, Alex	R-R	6-1	205	8-13-69	Chicago	34	191.2	9-13	0	4.51
53 Garcia, Ramon	R-R	6-2	200	12-9-69	Chicago	16	78.1	4-4	0	5.40
					Vancouver AAA	4	26.2	2-2	0	4.05
					Birmingham AA	6	38.2	4-0	0	0.93
39 Hernandez, Roberto	R-R	6-4	220	11-11-64	Chicago	9	15.0	1-0	0	7.80
					Vancouver AAA	7	44.2	4-1	0	3.22
					Birmingham AA	4	22.2	2-1	0	1.99
					Sarasota A	1	6.0	0-0	0	0.00
27 Hibbard, Greg	L-L	6-0	190	9-13-64	Chicago	32	194.0	11-11	0	4.31
					Vancouver AAA	1	5.1	0-0	0	3.38
49 Hough, Charlie	R-R	6-2	190	1-5-48	Chicago	31	199.1	9-10	0	4.02
56 Howard, Chris	R-L	6-0	185	11-18-65	Birmingham AA	38	53.0	6-1	9	2.04
26 McCaskill, Kirk	R-R	6-1	205	4-9-61	California	30	177.2	10-19	0	4.26
29 McDowell, Jack	R-R	6-5	180	1-16-66	Chicago	35	253.2	17-10	0	3.41
22 Pall, Donn	R-R	6-1	183	1-11-62	Chicago	51	71.0	7-2	0	2.41
34 Patterson, Ken	L-L	6-4	210	7-8-64	Chicago	43	63.2	3-0	1	2.83
42 Perschke, Greg	R-R	6-3	180	8-3-67	Vancouver AAA	27	176.0	7-12	0	4.65
31 Radinsky, Scott	L-L	6-3	190	3-3-68	Chicago	67	71.1	5-5	8	2.02
47 Ruffin, Johnny	R-R	6-3	172	7-29-71	Sarasota A	26	158.2	11-4	0	3.23
48 Scheid, Rich	L-L	6-3	185	2-3-65	Vancouver AAA	47	66.2	6-7	3	6.08
37 Thigpen, Bobby	R-R	6-3	195	7-17-63	Chicago	67	69.2	7-5	30	3.49
51 Wapnick, Steve	R-R	6-2	200	9-25-65	Chicago	6	5.0	0-1	0	1.80
					Syracuse AAA	53	71.2	6-3	20	2.76

CATCHERS

PLAYERS												
							G	AB	Avg.	HR	RBI	SB
72	Fisk, Carlton	R-R	6-2	223	12-26-47	Chicago	134	460	.241	18	74	1
20	Karkovice, Ron	R-R	6-1	215	8-8-63	Chicago	75	167	.246	5	22	0
5	Merullo, Matt	L-R	6-2	200	8-4-65	Chicago	80	140	.229	5	21	0
					Birmingham	AA	8	28	.214	2	3	0

INFELDERS

28	Beltre, Esteban	R-R	5-10	155	12-26-67	Chicago	8	6	.167	0	0	1
						Vancouver AAA	88	347	.271	0	30	8
						Denver AAA	25	78	.171	0	8	3
21	Cora, Joey	S-R	5-8	152	5-14-65	Chicago	100	228	.241	0	18	11
						South Bend A	1	5	.200	0	0	1
14	Grebeck, Craig	R-R	5-7	160	12-29-64	Chicago	107	224	.281	6	31	1
13	Guillen, Ozzie	L-R	5-11	150	1-20-64	Chicago	154	524	.273	3	49	21
54	Martin, Norberto	S-R	5-10	164	12-10-66	Vancouver AAA	93	338	.278	0	20	11
35	Thomas, Frank	R-R	6-5	240	5-27-68	Chicago	158	559	.318	32	109	1
6	Sax, Steve	R-R	6-0	188	1-29-60	New York	158	652	.304	10	56	31
23	Ventura, Robin	L-R	6-1	192	7-14-67	Chicago	157	606	.284	23	100	2

OUTFIELDERS

12	Huff, Mike	R-R	6-1	180	8-11-63	Chicago	51	97	.268	1	15	3
						Cleveland	51	146	.240	2	10	11
8	Jackson, Bo	R-R	6-1	235	11-30-62	Chicago	23	71	.225	3	14	0
						Birmingham AA	4	13	.308	0	0	1
						Sarasota A	2	6	.333	0	2	0
1	Johnson, Lance	L-L	5-11	160	7-6-63	Chicago	159	588	.274	0	49	26
52	Lee, Derek	L-R	6-0	195	7-28-66	Vancouver AAA	87	319	.295	6	44	4
						Birmingham AA	45	154	.325	5	16	9
24	Newson, Warren	L-L	5-7	190	7-3-64	Chicago	71	132	.295	4	25	2
						Vancouver AAA	33	111	.369	2	19	5
44	Pasqua, Dan	L-L	6-0	203	10-17-61	Chicago	134	417	.259	18	66	0
30	Raines, Tim	S-R	5-8	185	9-16-59	Chicago	155	609	.268	5	50	51
25	Sosa, Sammy	R-R	6-0	175	11-12-68	Chicago	116	316	.203	10	33	13
						Vancouver AAA	32	116	.267	3	19	9

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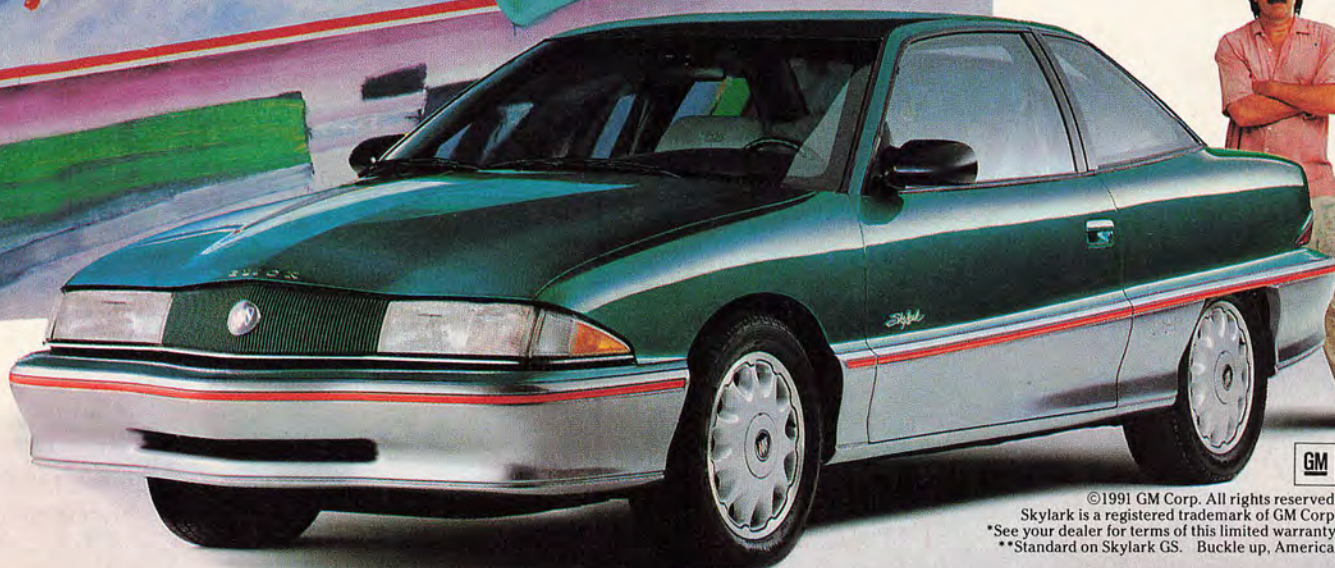
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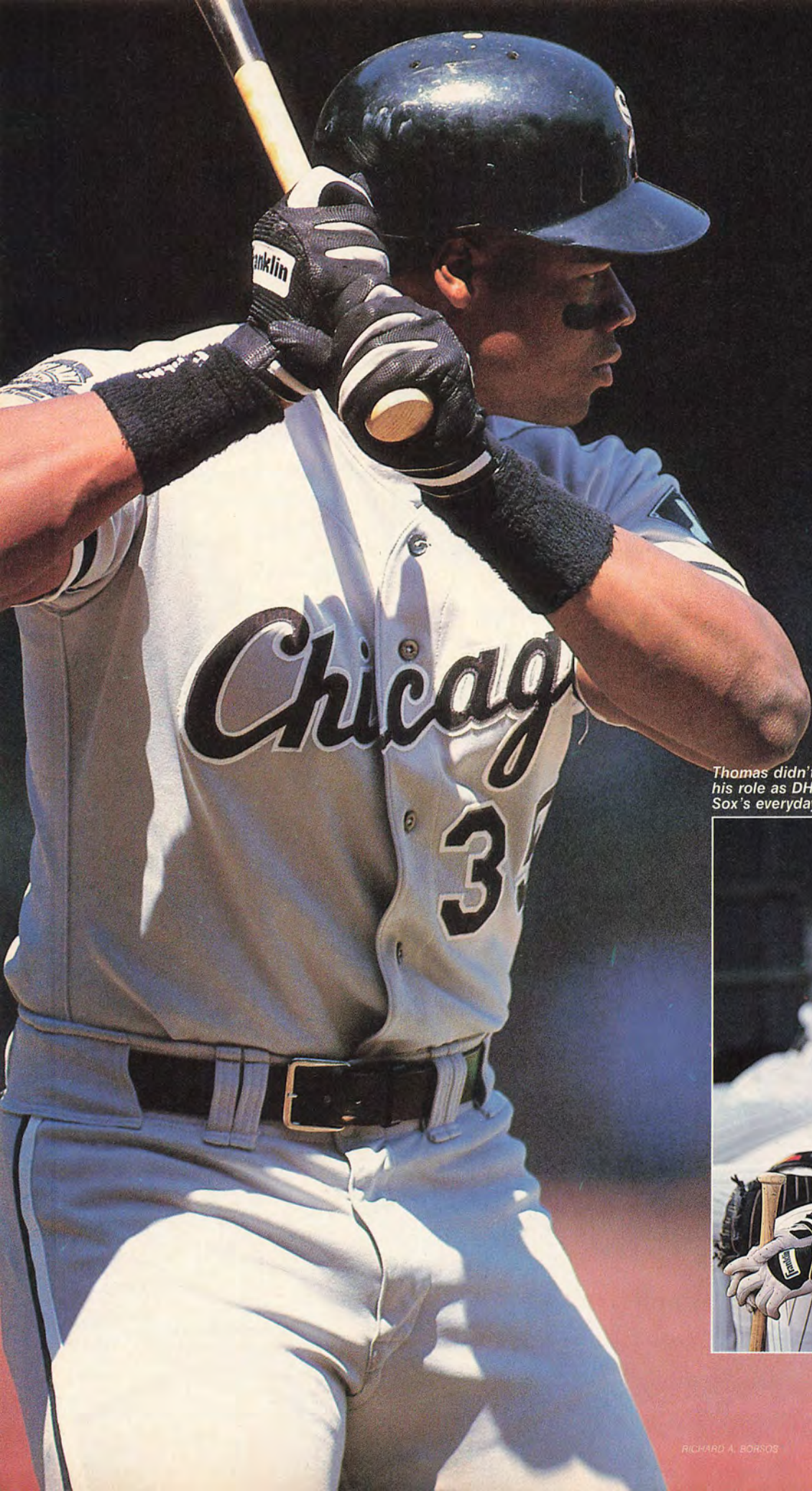


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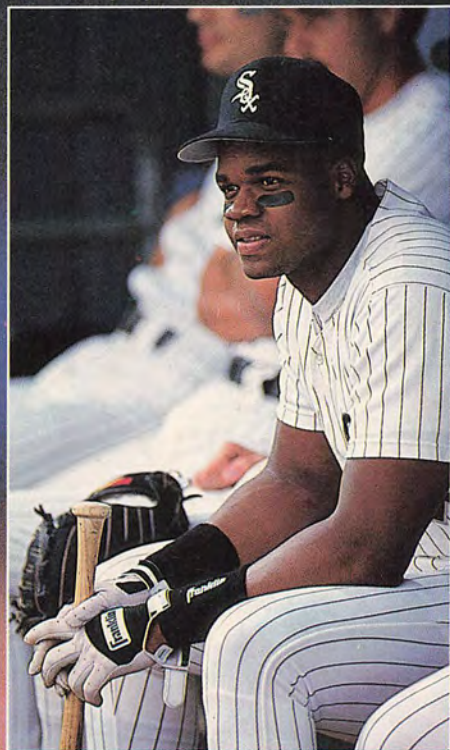
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Thomas didn't enjoy the waiting game in his role as DH. He wants to be the White Sox's everyday first baseman.



Young and Restless

Though he's already earned star status after one year in the majors, Chicago White Sox first baseman Frank Thomas wants to do more—much more

By ALAN SOLOMON
Chicago Tribune

Franks Thomas, in his first full major league season, finished third in voting for the Most Valuable Player in the American League.

It was an award the Chicago White Sox first baseman wanted badly. Yet he knew he wouldn't win and he understood why.

"Cal Ripken deserved to win," says Thomas, who hit .318 with 32 home runs and 109 RBI. "He had an incredible year."

But the feeling was familiar to Thomas.

"I've always been the one with the big numbers in basketball and football but never the MVP," he says. "I'm the guy who never got what he should have gotten. It made me stay hungry."

Thomas, who will be 24 on May 27, could wind up the best of the nineties.

Drafted by Chicago in the first round out of Auburn in 1989, Thomas arrived in Chicago in August 1990. Since then, his batting average as a major leaguer is .321.

Thomas calls himself a thinking player.

"I know what I'm doing, what my stats are, what other people's stats are, what I need to do to help this club improve," Thomas says. "I keep up with this game. I want to make myself a better player. I'm never satisfied with my output."

There were murmurs once that Walt Hriniak, White Sox hitting coach and one of the game's most misunderstood geniuses, would try to remold Thomas and would confuse him.

"Walter never messed me up," Thomas says bristling, a rare reaction. "He's the hardest-working hitting coach in the league. He has his theories. We all have our own theories. There are certain things I like to do at the plate that no one can change. I could hit before I got here. He understands that. We work together. We've combined both theories and it's working brilliantly."

In spring training a year ago, Thomas was feeling pain in his right shoulder. "I'll be OK," Thomas said. He wasn't, though.

Thomas started the first 18 games of the season at first base, was designated hitter for a day, tried first base again for one game, then put his glove away for two weeks while Cory Snyder, Matt Merullo,

Dan Pasqua and Robin Ventura did their best.

After another brief stint at first base, Thomas was the DH again from May 31 through Aug. 12. It ate at him.

"It was a struggle knowing I was DH-ing and not being part of the game," Thomas says. "I didn't feel that I had that super-duper year because I was the DH half the season. Only my bat was present."

Jeff Torborg, then the manager, and then-pitching coach Sammy Ellis worked on Thomas' throwing motion, looking for a way to ease the strain. They had him throwing three-quarters, overhand and from behind his ear like a catcher.

"He's close," Torborg, ever the optimist, would say. But nothing really worked. The shoulder still hurt.

Thomas probably shouldn't have played any late-season games at first base. But he felt that he owed fellow Auburn alumnus Bo Jackson a good turn.

Thomas and Jackson both played football and baseball at Auburn. Thomas was a freshman tight end in 1986, and Jackson was the star running back and Heisman Trophy winner in 1985. Before the White Sox signed Jackson last April, they called Thomas for a character reference.

They got a good one.

Jackson was recovering from the football injury suffered while playing for the Los Angeles Raiders in a Jan.

13, 1991, playoff game. The

White Sox were hoping to activate him after Sept. 1, when the rosters expand.

Problem: If Jackson could play, he would have to be the DH. But Thomas was the DH. The White Sox were in the American League West race. This wasn't the time to bench the team's top hitter just to get Bo Jackson some swings.

"Jeff asked me if I could play first base, and I said yes so we could get Bo in the lineup," says Thomas. "We were challenging for the division, and I felt we needed another bat in the lineup."

It was more than that.

"It was one of those situations where I decided that I wanted my friend to play," says Thomas.

On Sept. 2, Jackson made his White Sox debut. Three days later, Kansas City Royals second baseman Terry Shumpert collided with Thomas, who was covering first on a bunt play. Thomas sprained his wrist and missed four games. When he came back, he continued his play at first base.

Orthopedic surgeon Frank Jobe of Los Angeles performed exploratory arthroscopic surgery on Thomas' right shoulder last October.

"What he did was remove the bursitis in my shoulder," Thomas says. "Dr. Jobe said I had scar tissue in my shoulder from lifting weights in college. A lot of the scar tissue had to be removed."

Instead of going home to Columbus, Ga., Thomas stayed in Chicago to rehab with Jackson under the supervision of White Sox trainer Herm Schneider.

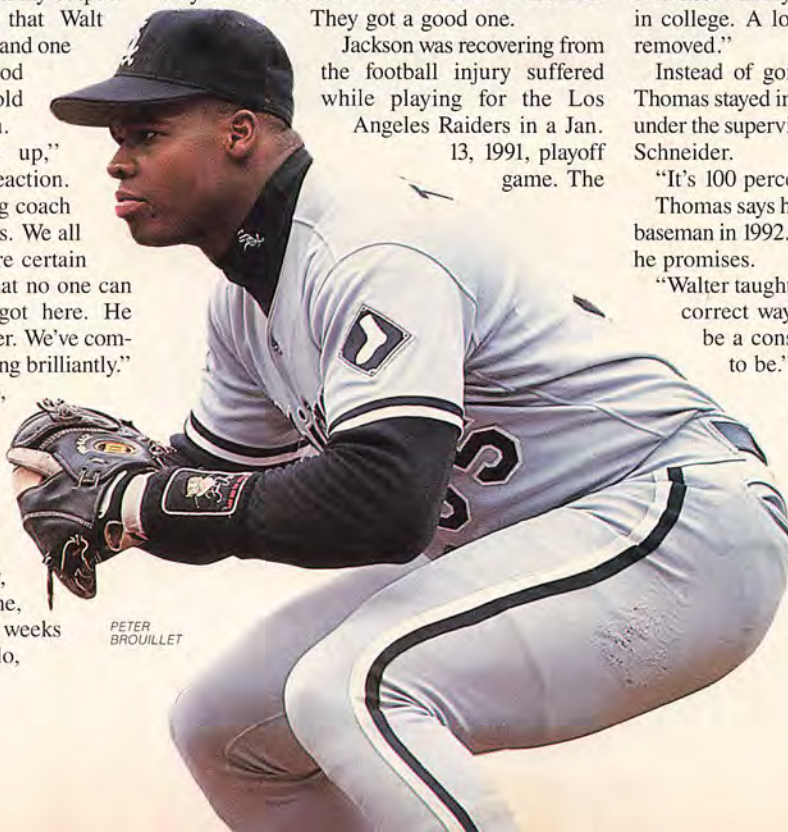
"It's 100 percent now," Thomas says.

Thomas says he'll be Chicago's everyday first baseman in 1992. There will be more home runs, he promises.

"Walter taught me how to turn on the ball the correct way," Thomas says. "Now, I can be a consistent pull hitter when I want to be."

The mind boggles at what the 6-5, 240-pound Thomas, a right-handed batter, is capable of doing over the next 15 years.

"I can't predict anything," he says. "If the Lord is willing, hopefully I can be a Hall of Fame player. I've got to keep working." ■



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By DENNIS BRACKIN
Minneapolis Star Tribune

The words that defined the Minnesota Twins' 1991 season were spoken after Game 6 of the World Series: "Who's got the script?" Twins manager Tom Kelly asked. "Who is writing this? Can you imagine this?"

The Twins became the first team this century to advance from last place to World Series champion within a 12-month span. The turnaround was no fluke, as some had suggested their 1987 World Series title had been. The '91 Twins won 95 games, led the American League in hitting, tied Baltimore for the league's best fielding percentage and were third in ERA.

Minnesota struck it rich with three off-season free agent signees. Jack Morris won 18 games and pitched 10 shutout innings in the 1-0 victory over the Atlanta Braves in Game 7 of the Series; designated hitter Chili Davis had 29 homers and 93 RBI; and Mike Pagliarulo batted .279 and provided solid defense at third base.

Free agents again will be critical to the Twins' success in 1992, but in a different way. Eight players on the 25-man postseason roster filed for free agency: Morris, Pagliarulo, Brian Harper, Dan Gladden, Al Newman, Steve Bedrosian, Terry Leach and Junior Ortiz. Pagliarulo and Harper were re-signed.

Amid the off-season uncertainty, Twins general manager Andy MacPhail found confidence in a farm system he called "much more solid and fundamentally sound" than it was when the Twins won the Series in 1987. Sound enough, MacPhail believes, to give the Twins an opportunity for a 1992 sequel to their improbable script of last summer.

STARTING PITCHING

Minnesota's Big Three of Morris, Kevin Tapani and Scott Erickson combined for a 54-29 record and 3.20 ERA. Each of the three won at least 16 games and placed among the top seven in Cy Young Award voting (each received at least one first-place vote). Morris is gone, having signed a two-year, \$10.85 million contract with Toronto. Not only will the Twins need to replace Morris, but they also still must find No. 4 and 5 starters. The pitchers attempting to fill those spots in '91 combined to go 17-22 with a 5.06 ERA. After Erickson's 20 victories, Morris' 18 and Tapani's 16, the next-highest total was Mark Guthrie's seven, and the left-hander finished the season as a short reliever.

Another uncertainty is Erickson. The right-hander relied on a darting 90-mph sinkerball for the first three months, going 12-2 with a 1.39 ERA through June 24. But he was plagued by elbow tightness beginning in early May. The problem landed him on the disabled list the first two weeks of July, costing him the starting spot in the All-Star Game. From June 24 until the end of the regular season, Erickson was 8-6 with a 5.95 ERA. He maintained that his elbow

Probable Opening Day Lineup

Shane Mack
Chuck Knoblauch
Kirby Puckett
Chili Davis
Kent Hrbek
Brian Harper
Pedro Munoz
Mike Pagliarulo
Greg Gagne
Scott Erickson

RF
2B
CF
DH
1B
C
LF
3B
SS
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felt fine, but the velocity and movement on his once-dominating sinker were inconsistent.

Minnesota's most consistent pitcher was Tapani. The right-hander, one of five pitchers acquired from the Mets in 1989 for Frank Viola, worked at least six innings in 29 of his 34 starts, and his 2.99 ERA was the lowest among Twins starters. Tapani's record would have been better saved for an early season six-game losing streak during which the Twins' offense scored no more than one run in four of the six starts.

Tapani was 9-0 with a 2.22 ERA in nine starts between July 21 and Sept. 6. The secret to his success is control; he did not walk a batter in 13 starts and made four starts spanning 29⅓ innings between July 21 and Aug. 5 without walking anyone.

The Twins began last season with Allan

Anderson and Guthrie in the rotation. Anderson, who had a 5-11, 4.96 season, was not offered a contract for 1992, making him a free agent. Guthrie was 7-5, 4.32 overall, but 5-4 with a 5.73 ERA as a starter. He enjoyed a strong postseason, though, and could get another audition as a starter in spring training.

Left-hander David West once was the crown jewel of the Mets' farm system, but he's been an enigma for the Twins. West was 4-4 with a 4.54 ERA in 15 games last year.

Minnesota's farm system, considered pitching-poor five years ago, has an abundance of outstanding arms. Paul Abbott, Willie Banks and Denny Neagle each started three games last season after being summoned from Class AAA Portland and will vie for spots in this year's rotation.

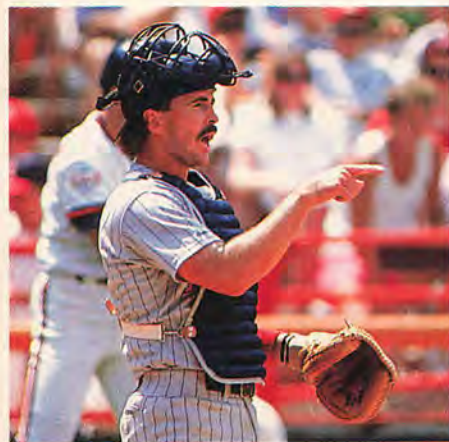
RELIEF PITCHING

Rick Aguilera solidified his status as one of the major leagues' top short relievers in 1991. The right-hander recorded 32 saves and a 2.76 ERA in 1990 and improved to 42 saves with a 2.35 ERA last year. He was superb in the second half, earning saves in 20 of 22 opportunities after the All-Star break. He allowed just one earned run in 23 appearances, spanning 22⅓ innings from July 19 through Sept. 25.

Aguilera throws a 90-mph fastball that tends to rise and a split-fingered fastball that drops off the table. He is equally effective against right-handed and left-handed batters.



KIRBY PUCKETT



BRIAN HARPER

The question mark at the start of 1991 was middle relief. Juan Berenguer, who had been a solid middle man since 1987, signed a free agent contract with Atlanta before the 1991 season. The Twins acquired Bedrosian in an off-season trade with the Giants, but by season's end journeyman Carl Willis had emerged as Minnesota's most reliable middle reliever.

Willis was 8-3 with a 2.63 ERA in 40 games, walking only 19 batters in 89 innings. The right-hander was 4-0 with one save and a 0.00 ERA in nine relief appearances between July 6 and Aug. 11.

Bedrosian, the National League Cy Young Award winner in 1987, posted a 4.42 ERA, his career-worst for a full season in the majors. It marked the second straight season that Bedrosian's ERA was over 4.00; he was 9-9 with a 4.20 ERA for the Giants in 1990. Bedrosian's physical status is uncertain because of a circulatory problem that caused numbness in his right hand last season, keeping him out of action in late September.

The Twins signed free agent left-hander Bob Kipper, 2-2 with a 4.65 ERA by Pittsburgh. Guthrie filled the role of left-handed reliever last year and was a creditable 2-1, 2.51. Gary Wayne will get another spring training look; he was 1-0 with one save and a 3.86 ERA in four appearances after being recalled from Portland. Wayne had a 2.79 ERA in 51 relief appearances at Portland.

CATCHING

Harper, who re-signed with the Twins (two years, \$5 million), has proved to be the best-hitting catcher in the AL, compiling a .307 batting average in four seasons with the Twins. He batted .311 last year with career highs in home runs (10) and RBI (69).

Although Harper's bat is a welcome presence in the lineup, Kelly has never been a big fan of Harper's defensive skills. That has led to friction between the two, with Harper believing that his defense has been overlooked. He threw out only 22 of 121 base runners (18 percent) last year, but

a number of Twins pitchers, particularly Morris, had shortcomings in holding runners on.

If the Twins fail to re-sign Harper, they're banking that Lenny Webster's defensive talents will compensate for any drop-off in offensive production at the position. He batted .252 with seven home runs at Portland last year, .294 with three homers in 34 at-bats with the Twins.

The Twins bought out Ortiz's contract, but there was a chance the veteran backup could surface as a spring-training invitee. Ortiz, the regular catcher when Erickson was on the mound, batted .209, but is a solid defensive catcher.

The only other possibility within the organization is Derek Parks, the team's No. 1 draft choice in 1986. The often-injured Parks batted .189 at Orlando in 1989, .177 at Portland in 1990 and .215 with six home runs at Orlando last year.

INFIELD

After winning two World Series in five seasons, the baseball world is finally starting to take note of Minnesota's infield defense. The Twins don't have a Gold Glove winner in the infield, but since Kelly became manager in September 1986, they have fielded the steadiest defensive team in the majors. They led the majors with the fewest errors in 1987, set a major league record for fewest errors in 1988 and last summer tied Baltimore for the best fielding percentage in the major leagues.

The key performers are first baseman Kent Hrbek and shortstop Greg Gagne. Hrbek has an

exceptional glove and fine range for a 6-4, 253-pound first baseman. Gagne sported a 76-game errorless streak last summer, the second-longest streak ever by an AL shortstop (trailing only Cal Ripken's 95-game streak of 1990).

Second baseman Chuck Knoblauch filled the biggest void in the Twins' lineup and was voted AL Rookie of the Year. Knoblauch, a former college shortstop, committed 18 errors (but only seven after the All-Star break), and he has excellent range.

At third base, the platoon tandem of Pagliarulo and Scott Leius combined for only 18 errors in 463 chances. Pagliarulo had struggled since 1988 surgery to relocate the ulnar nerve in his right elbow, but his arm was solid last year. Leius had an impressive rookie year, considering he made the switch from shortstop to third base late in spring training after a March batting slump by Pagliarulo.

Minnesota's infield was consistent at the plate as well as in the field. Hrbek hit .284 with 20 home runs and 89 RBI. Knoblauch, filling another Twins void by batting No. 2 in the lineup, hit .281 and stole 25 bases in 30 attempts. Gagne batted .265 with eight homers and 42 RBI, and Pagliarulo (.279) and Leius (.286) combined to hit .282 with 11 homers and 56 RBI.

OUTFIELD

The Twins enter 1992 set in two outfield spots with center fielder Kirby Puckett and Shane Mack playing all three outfield positions.

Kelly Was a Different Person in Series

One accurate measure of the intensity engendered by the hotly contested 1991 World Series may have been an unusual sight after Game 7: Minnesota manager Tom Kelly running onto the field to take part in his team's victory celebration. Traditionally, Kelly watches hijinks of that nature from the dugout. That includes the 1987 World Series also won by the Twins in the seventh game.

But when Dan Gladden crossed the plate in the 10th inning with the only run of Game 7 last October in the Metrodome, Kelly broke from his past. He rushed onto the field to high-five and shake hands with his players.

It was not the first time in the 1991 Series that Kelly had kicked over the traces. He had gained a reputation as a curmudgeon in 1987, frequently bristling at media questions. Last fall Kelly showed a lighter side to his personality; he joked, smiled and appeared to enjoy himself around writers and sportscasters.

What happened? For starters, Kelly, the father of two, had been in the middle of a divorce in 1987. Last summer he remarried.

In 1991, too, the Twins could be called Kelly's team. He had inherited the 1987 club. When the

Twins sank to last place in 1990, he played an integral part in rebuilding the team.

Kelly lobbied hard for the off-season signings of free agents Jack Morris, Chili Davis and Mike Pagliarulo. Kelly deemed each of them to be his kind of player: one who takes a no-frills, blue-collar approach to the game. Kelly got the batting coach he wanted in Terry Crowley. And Kelly persuaded Minnesota's front office to let Chuck Knoblauch, American League Rookie of the Year, to make the jump from Class AA, while urging general manager Andy MacPhail to keep third baseman Scott Leius on the roster in spring training.

In the end, Kelly admitted that this championship was more satisfying than his first.

"I don't want to sound like I'm blowing my own horn," Kelly said. "But I wanted Crowley. I wanted Pagliarulo. I made a big push to get Chili and I campaigned for Jack. When the owner says, 'If you get Morris, you've got to guarantee me first, second or third,' what you're doing as a manager is putting your guts right up there on the table."

Kelly did just that. And when the celebration started, he found it impossible to sit and watch.

—Dennis Brackin



Puckett (.319-15-89) is a perennial All-Star, and Mack (.310-18-74) was the Twins' most productive hitter following the All-Star break, batting .356 with 10 homers and 45 RBI after July 12.

If there was a question mark, it was left field. However, the feeling in the Minnesota organization is that Pedro Munoz is ready for full-time status. Free agent Gladden, a Minnesota outfielder since 1987, signed with Detroit, leaving the way clear for Munoz.

Munoz, acquired in a 1990 trade from Toronto, batted .283 with seven homers and 26 RBI in 51 games with Minnesota and .316 in 56 games at Portland. His defensive ability is a concern, but he has been adequate in his major league stints thus far.

If Munoz proves a defensive liability, there's a measure of insurance in Jarvis Brown, a 5-7 speedster who won a spot on Minnesota's 25-man postseason roster. Brown batted .289 with 26 stolen bases at Portland. He hit .216 in 38 games and stole seven bases in eight attempts with the Twins.

Davis started Game 5 of the World Series in right field but played only two regular-season games in the outfield. He was one of the league's top designated hitters last year, batting .277 with 29 home runs and 93 RBI. Davis helped the Twins forget about their last-place finish of 1990 by homering 19 times in the first 75 games.

BENCH

Kelly believes in using his bench on a regular basis. Veterans Randy Bush, Gene Larkin and Al Newman each made important contributions to the Twins' pennant drive of 1991.

Bush batted .382 as a pinch hitter, .303 overall. He survived a horrendous start that found him batting .178 (9 for 52) with one RBI on June 3, prompting some to speculate that the Twins might release Bush. Kelly's patience was rewarded when Bush hit .363 with six home runs and 22 RBI from that point. He tied an AL record with seven consecutive pinch-hits.

Larkin, a switch-hitter who lost his DH job to Davis, batted a career-high .286 and drove in the only run in Game 7 of the World Series. Newman, a utility infielder who took free agency and was not re-signed, made just one error in 129 chances at second base, two errors in 155 chances at shortstop and one error in 27 chances at third base. However, he hit only .191.

First baseman Paul Sorrento, who was on last year's postseason roster, gives the Twins plenty of left-handed punch. Sorrento batted .308 with 13 homers and 79 RBI in 113 games at Portland, and .255 with four homers in 47 major league at-bats.

Shortstop Shawn Gilbert (.255 at Orlando) and third baseman Cheo Garcia (.282, 75 RBI at Orlando) will get spring-training looks.

David McCarty, the No. 1 pick in last year's amateur draft, batted .261 at Orlando. J.T. Bruett hit .284 with 21 stolen bases at Portland and also will get a spring look. ■

TWINS LEADERS '91

Avg.	Puckett	.319	HR	Davis	29	RBI	Davis	93	SB	Knoblauch	25
ERA	Aguilera	2.35	Wins	Erickson	20	K's	Morris	163	Saves	Aguilera	42

PITCHERS

No.	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1991 Club	G	IP	W-L	Sv	ERA	
37	Abbott, Paul	R-R	6-3	193	9-15-67	Minnesota	15	47.1	3-1	0	4.75
					Portland AAA	8	44.0	2-3	0	3.89	
38	Aguilera, Rick	R-R	6-5	205	12-31-61	Minnesota	63	69.0	4-5	42	2.35
23	Banks, Willie	R-R	6-1	190	2-27-69	Minnesota	5	17.1	1-1	0	5.71
					Portland AAA	25	146.1	9-8	0	4.55	
17	Casian, Larry	R-L	6-0	170	10-28-65	Minnesota	15	18.1	0-0	0	7.36
					Portland AAA	34	52.0	3-2	2	3.46	
40	Cross, Jesse	R-R	5-10	195	1-15-68	Knoxville AA	31	172.0	10-9	1	2.83
59	Edens, Tom	L-R	6-2	185	6-9-61	Minnesota	8	33.0	2-2	0	4.09
					Portland AAA	25	161.1	10-7	0	3.01	
19	Erickson, Scott	R-R	6-4	225	2-2-68	Minnesota	32	204.0	20-8	0	3.18
41	Garces, Richard	R-R	6-0	215	5-18-71	Portland AAA	10	13.0	0-1	3	4.85
					Orlando AA	10	16.1	2-1	0	3.31	
53	Guthrie, Mark	S-L	6-4	196	9-22-65	Minnesota	41	98.0	7-5	2	4.32
	Kipper, Bob	R-L	6-2	185	7-8-64	Pittsburgh	52	60.0	2-2	4	4.65
21	Mahomes, Pat	R-R	6-1	175	8-9-70	Portland AAA	9	55.0	3-5	0	3.44
					Orlando AA	18	116.0	8-5	0	1.78	
58	Neagle, Denny	L-L	6-4	209	9-13-68	Minnesota	7	20.0	0-1	0	4.05
					Portland AAA	19	104.2	9-4	0	3.27	
54	Newman, Alan	L-L	6-6	212	10-2-69	Orlando AA	11	67.0	5-4	0	2.69
					Visalia A	15	92.1	6-5	0	3.51	
36	Tapani, Kevin	R-R	6-0	187	2-18-64	Minnesota	34	244.0	16-9	0	2.99
20	Trombley, Mike	R-R	6-2	200	4-14-67	Orlando AA	27	191.0	12-7	0	2.54
30	Tsamis, George	R-L	6-2	175	6-14-67	Portland AAA	29	167.2	10-8	0	3.27
					Orlando AA	1	7.0	0-0	0	0.00	
55	Wassenaar, Rob	R-R	6-2	200	4-28-65	Portland AAA	40	77.1	4-4	5	3.26
					Orlando AA	15	25.0	2-2	1	1.44	
48	Wayne, Gary	L-L	6-3	200	11-30-62	Minnesota	8	12.1	1-0	1	5.11
					Portland AAA	51	67.2	4-5	8	2.79	
39	West, David	L-L	6-6	231	9-1-64	Minnesota	15	71.1	4-4	0	4.54
					Portland AAA	4	15.2	1-1	0	6.32	
					Orlando AA	1	0.1	0-0	0	0.00	
51	Willis, Carl	L-R	6-4	212	12-28-60	Minnesota	40	89.0	8-3	2	2.63
					Portland AAA	3	11.0	1-1	0	1.64	

CATCHERS

	G	AB	Avg.	HR	RBI	SB
12 Harper, Brian	123	441	.311	10	69	1
16 Parks, Derek	92	256	.215	6	31	0
15 Webster, Lenny	18	34	.294	3	8	0
	87	325	.252	7	34	1

INFIELDERS

	G	AB	Avg.	HR	RBI	SB
7 Gagne, Greg	139	408	.265	8	42	11
2 Garcia, Cheo	137	496	.282	9	75	13
4 Gilbert, Shawn	138	529	.255	3	38	43
14 Hrbek, Kent	132	462	.284	20	89	4
27 Jorgensen, Terry	126	456	.298	11	59	1
11 Knoblauch, Chuck	151	565	.281	1	50	25
9 Larkin, Gene	98	255	.286	2	19	2
31 Leius, Scott	109	199	.286	5	20	5
13 Pagliarulo, Mike	121	365	.279	6	36	1
18 Sorrento, Paul	26	47	.255	4	13	0
	113	409	.308	13	79	1

OUTFIELDERS

	G	AB	Avg.	HR	RBI	SB
1 Brown, Jarvis	38	37	.216	0	0	7
	108	436	.289	3	37	26
26 Bruett, J.T.	99	345	.284	0	35	21
25 Bush, Randy	93	165	.303	6	23	0
44 Davis, Chili	153	534	.277	29	93	5
24 Mack, Shane	143	442	.310	18	74	13
5 Munoz, Pedro	51	138	.283	7	26	3
	56	212	.316	5	28	9
34 Puckett, Kirby	152	611	.319	15	89	11

Manager: Tom Kelly

Coaches: Terry Crowley, Ron Gardenhire, Rick Stelmazek, Dick Such, Wayne Terwilliger



By GERRY FRALEY
Dallas Morning News

The Texas Rangers joined the long line of the adventurous in 1991. They tried to bash their way to the pennant.

Like those who have gone before them, the Rangers failed. They led the majors in runs scored and runs allowed. The last team to do that was Cleveland in 1986. Cleveland has not won a title in more than a generation. Texas dropped from first place in the American League West at the All-Star break to third, closer to last place than first.

The Rangers cannot expect much more from an offense that produced a club-record 829 runs last season. If the Rangers are to contend—they have been as close as 5½ games out after Aug. 1 for only two days in the last three years—the defense and pitching must show marked improvement.

Playing home games on a grass field, the Rangers had the second-highest number of errors (134) and third-highest number of unearned runs allowed (80) in the AL last season. The pitching staff was tied for the league lead in unintentional walks and finished 11th in ERA. If none of the failings is corrected, all the offense in the world will not help the Rangers.

STARTING PITCHING

The Rangers made a regrettable mistake last season. They fooled themselves about the quality of their starting pitching, expecting it to be solid. Instead, it was a disaster because of injuries and poor performance. The Rangers, who used 13 starters, finished 11th in rotation victories (52), 12th in rotation ERA (4.63) and 12th in complete games.

Because of the starting pitching, Texas faced the herculean task of having to score at least five runs a game to have a chance at winning. The team was 22-56 when it scored four or fewer runs. The pitchers who stumbled last season must rise this year if the club is to improve.

With Nolan Ryan, the Rangers are the first team in history to build a staff around a 45-year-old pitcher. They have reason to believe in Ryan at this advanced age.

Ryan was 12-6 with a 2.91 ERA last season and led AL starters in opponents batting average (.172), on-base percentage (.263) and strikeouts per nine innings (10.56).

Ryan also showed signs of age. Because of a lingering shoulder problem, he was on the disabled list twice and took himself out of three other starts. He made only 27 starts, his fewest for a full season since 1971 with the New York Mets.

After his second stay on the DL, Ryan went 5-1 with a 3.18 ERA and 58 strikeouts in 51 innings for his final nine starts. Whether he can maintain that effectiveness over a full season is questionable.

Kevin Brown (9-12, 4.40) or Bobby Witt (3-7, 6.09) should be ready to inherit the mantle of



JULIO FRANCO

No. 1 starter. Both had difficult years but for different reasons.

Brown lost movement on his sinker, making his pitches hittable when in the strike zone. Brown allowed the most base runners per nine innings (14.4), had the second-worst strikeout-walk ratio (1.07) and the ninth-most walks (90) in the AL. He had the lead in 27 of 33 starts but finished with only nine victories.

Probable Opening Day Lineup

Gary Pettis	CF
Julio Franco	2B
Rafael Palmeiro	1B
Ruben Sierra	RF
Kevin Reimer	DH
Juan Gonzalez	LF
Dean Palmer	3B
Ivan Rodriguez	C
Dickie Thon	SS
Nolan Ryan	P

Brown did pass a hurdle by pitching more than 200 innings for the first time in his career. Better infield defense would be helpful but he needs the sinker to regain effectiveness.

Witt missed 11 weeks because of a partial tear of the right rotator cuff. He had surgery in September to remove bone spurs from the right elbow.

Jose Guzman (13-7, 3.08) was the savior of the Ranger staff, which was ironic. Guzman, who had missed two years because of a partial tear in the right rotator cuff, was released in spring training. He stayed in the organization with a minor league contract, returned to Texas in May and led the team in victories and complete games (5) while going at least six innings in 22 of his 25 starts.

Guzman returned from injury exile a better pitcher. His fastball has lost some zip, but his palm ball may be the league's best off-speed pitch. He also improved on several versions of the curveball and slider. To face Guzman is to see many pitches.

Left-hander Brian Bohanon (4-3, 4.84) conquered personal problems and January shoulder surgery to reach the majors in August. That, and four victories in 11 starts, was miraculous. Bohanon must pitch more than 150 innings for the first time in his career before the Rangers can consider him solid.

Right-hander Hector Fajardo, acquired from Pittsburgh in the Steve Buechele deal, showed enough of a forkball and grasp of the strike zone during a September trial to be considered. Texas' minor league pitchers aren't ready. Left-hander Dan Smith, a No. 1 pick in 1990, was 4-17 at Class AAA Oklahoma City. Prospects Eric McCray, Robb Nen, Roger Pavlik, Bobby Reed and Brian Romero all pitched fewer than 100 innings because of injuries.

RELIEF PITCHING

If one player determines the Rangers' fortunes in 1992, it is closer Jeff Russell.

If Russell improves over last season, the Rangers have a chance of improving. If he goes through last season's difficulties again, the Rangers face a similar ending. To understand Russell's significance, consider two stretches of the season. He was 12-for-13 in save opportunities through May 31, and the Rangers were 26-17 during that span. Russell notched 10 saves in his next 17 chances, and the Rangers played themselves out of contention by going 31-33.

Russell (6-4, 3.29), who led the AL with 38 saves in 44 chances in 1989, finished tied for eighth with 30 saves in 40 chances. He said his elbow, subject of surgery in 1990, was fine, but there were times when he was unavailable because of stiffness.

Some of Russell's problems were caused by excess work. In 1989, manager Bobby Valentine used Russell for more than one inning in just 20 of 71 appearances. Russell pitched more than one inning in 19 of his first 41 appearances last season, and the load caught up to him. Valentine took the unusual step with Russell because there were no clear middle-relief choices. That remains a void.

Right-hander Gerald Alexander (5-3, 5.24) and left-hander John Barfield (4-4, 4.54) handled the role well, but each was forced into the rotation because of injuries. Neither pitched the same after the moves, which Valentine admitted were mistakes. Alexander, who when rested has a high-quality curveball, belongs in an 80-inning middle-relief role. Barfield, who allowed only four of 22 inherited runners to score, is more effective when used in short bursts.

Having Kenny Rogers (10-10, 5.42) in the bullpen for a full season should help Russell. Rogers experienced a disastrous stay in the rotation, going 4-4 with a 7.53 ERA in nine starts. After a readjustment period, he pitched well out of the bullpen. He must improve on last year's average of 5.01 walks per nine innings.

Two candidates for right-handed middle re-

lief emerged from the rubble: Barry Manuel and Terry Mathews. Manuel, Class AA Texas League all-star with 25 saves, allowed only seven hits in 16 innings in eight September appearances as a Ranger. Mathews (4-0, 3.61), twice exposed to the major league draft, posted a 2.70 ERA and a 3-1 strikeout-walk ratio while holding opponents to a .229 average in his final 24 relief appearances.

CATCHING

On June 20, the Rangers concerns about catcher ended.

Ivan Rodriguez arose that morning in Tulsa, Okla., was married in a courthouse ceremony on the way to the airport and started for the Rangers that evening in Chicago. At the tender age of 19, Rodriguez (.264-3-27) claimed the position.

Some AL scouts considered Rodriguez the best at his position defensively after only one month. According to the scouts, only Houston's Craig Biggio comes close to Rodriguez for agility and footwork skills. Rodriguez's arm is one of the best. He threw out 34 of 70 runners. He also hit better than expected, when he remembered to use the opposite field.

Rodriguez will not be 21 until Nov. 30. The young man could be the majors' best all-around catcher before he is old enough to join teammates at the hotel bar.

The backup job will be a thankless task, because the Rangers expect Rodriguez to catch about 135 games. Geno Petralli (.271), who caught in 66 games in '91, may be the leading candidate.



RUBEN SIERRA

INFIELD

Is it wise to have infielders who hit the ball better than they catch it? The Rangers should know the answer to that question by the end of this season. They have one of the most offensive-oriented infields in recent seasons.

Start at second base. Julio Franco, a two-time All-Star, led the majors with a .341 average last season. He became only the third right-handed batter to win the AL title in the last 20 years. In addition, he became the first AL second baseman to win the title since Hall of Famer Rod Carew in 1975. Franco's power to right-center makes him the league's best opposite-field hitter.

The trade-off was indifferent defense. Franco committed 14 errors that led to 16 unearned runs. He remains erratic on the double play. Franco can make a spectacular play and follow up by botching a routine play. He sets the tone for the infield.

Rafael Palmeiro (.322-26-88) led AL first basemen with 12 errors. He also hit more than .305 for the third time in the last four years and went into September with a chance to win the batting title for the second consecutive year. Palmeiro set a club record for extra-base hits with 78 but slipped in run-scoring situations. He hit .231 with runners in scoring position and was 0-for-14 with the bases loaded.

The Rangers made a wrenching change in August, dealing veteran third baseman Buechele to Pittsburgh for two minor league pitchers and giving Dean Palmer the third base job. The trade-off is more offense for less defense.

With the Rangers, Buechele made three errors in 329 chances. Palmer had six errors in 107 chances. Despite hitting only .187, Palmer drilled 15 homers in 268 at-bats. Buechele (.267) had 18 homers in 416 at-bats.

Texas shortstops made 27 errors, the fourth-highest total in the AL. That does not include balls that skipped untouched through the middle of the infield. Jeff Huson's range has slipped because of a lingering knee problem. His .965 fielding percentage was fifth-worst among league shortstops with 50 games.

The Rangers' infield defense improved somewhat with the off-season signing of free agent shortstop Dickie Thon (.252), who posted a .969 fielding percentage last year with Philadelphia. Huson (.213) would be a superb utility infielder and spot starter at shortstop. Jose Hernandez (.184), promoted from Class AA, was overmatched at bat in a late-season trial.

OUTFIELD

Right fielder Ruben Sierra (.307-25-116) is only 26. Consider what he has done, and it becomes apparent that he ranks among the game's best players.

Sierra has driven in 100 runs in three of the last five years and has five consecutive 90 RBI seasons. Only San Francisco's Will Clark and Toronto's Joe Carter have done that. Sierra has appeared in 796 of the last 809 games, even

though he played most of last season on one leg because of a hamstring injury. Berated for his poor defense, Sierra concentrated on that area and cut his errors while finishing second among AL outfielders in assists with 15.

Sierra has a rival four years younger. In his first full major league season, Juan Gonzalez (.264-27-102) became only the 18th player in history to drive in 100 runs before his 22nd birthday. Teams could make him look bad early in a game, and he would beat them late by making necessary adjustments.

The Rangers have some concerns about Gonzalez, however. He had a tendency to chase bad pitches in run-scoring situations and hit only .266 with runners in scoring position. He also suffered from a back condition. The Rangers would like to move Gonzalez out of center field and keep him in left field full time, but there is no obvious candidate for center.

Gary Pettis (.216), once the starter in center field, was kept as a fourth outfielder for his defense and baserunning but wasn't a standout at either last season. Pettis, a five-time Gold Glove winner, had the second-lowest fielding percentage (.977) among league center fielders. He was caught stealing 13 times, sixth-highest total in the league. Pettis had the same number of strikeouts as Sierra (91) while hitting 25 fewer homers. Donald Harris, from Class AA, is probably the organization's best defensive center fielder, but he needs work on offense.

Texas used six starters in left field with varying degrees of success. Kevin Reimer (.269) started 56 games in left field and responded with 20 homers.

Jack Daugherty (.194), the Opening Day left fielder after two consecutive .300 seasons, never recovered from a series of injuries starting with a spring-training finger ailment. Daugherty, who never raised his average above .200, gets another chance to start against right-handers, but the biological clock is ticking. Daugherty is 31 and has never played full-time in the majors.

Monty Fariss, a first-round draft pick in 1988, moved to left field, his third position in seven months. Drafted as a shortstop, Fariss experienced more throwing problems at second base in the minors. Fariss is a bat—53 extra-base hits at Oklahoma City—in search of a position.

BENCH

Valentine will use the DH spot in creative ways. Stealing an idea from former California manager Gene Mauch, Valentine had 40-year-old DH Brian Downing (.278) bat leadoff last season. That kept DH production numbers down, but the Rangers did finish second in DH runs with 106.

Reimer, with his power, fits the conventional model of a DH. To use him full-time in that role, the Rangers need to settle the outfield question.

No manager used pinch hitters last season more than Valentine, who hits for the bottom of the lineup at will. ■

RANGERS LEADERS '91

Avg.	Franco .341	HR	Gonzalez 27	RBI	Sierra 116	SB	Franco 36
ERA	Ryan 2.91	Wins	Guzman 13	K's	Ryan 203	Saves	Russell 30

PITCHERS

No.	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1991 Club	G	IP	W-L	Sv	ERA
48 Alexander, Gerald	R-R	5-11	200	3-26-68	Texas	30	89.1	5-3	0	5.24
					Okla. City AAA	2	10.2	1-1	0	4.22
27 Barfield, John	L-L	6-1	195	10-15-64	Texas	28	83.1	4-4	1	4.54
45 Bohanon, Brian	L-L	6-2	220	8-1-68	Texas	11	61.1	4-3	0	4.84
					Okla. City AAA	7	46.1	0-4	0	2.91
					Tulsa AA	2	11.2	0-1	0	2.31
					Charlotte A	2	11.2	1-0	0	3.86
41 Brown, Kevin	R-R	6-4	195	3-14-65	Texas	33	210.2	9-12	0	4.40
43 Chiamparino, Scott	L-R	6-2	205	8-22-66	Texas	5	22.1	1-0	0	4.03
32 Fajardo, Hector	R-R	6-4	200	11-6-70	Texas	4	19.0	0-2	0	5.68
					Pittsburgh	2	6.1	0-0	0	9.95
					Buffalo AAA	8	9.1	1-0	1	0.96
					Carolina AA	10	61.0	3-4	0	4.13
					Salem A	1	7.2	0-1	0	2.35
					Augusta A	11	60.1	4-3	0	2.69
23 Guzman, Jose	R-R	6-3	195	4-9-63	Texas	25	169.2	13-7	0	3.08
					Okla. City AAA	3	20.2	1-1	0	3.92
44 Manuel, Barry	R-R	5-11	185	8-12-65	Texas	8	16.0	1-0	0	1.13
					Tulsa AA	56	68.1	2-7	25	3.29
38 Mathews, Terry	L-R	6-2	225	10-5-64	Texas	34	57.1	4-0	1	3.61
					Okla. City AAA	18	95.1	5-6	1	3.49
42 Nen, Robb	R-R	6-4	200	11-28-69	Tulsa AA	6	28.0	0-2	0	5.79
59 Pavlik, Roger	R-R	6-2	220	10-4-67	Okla. City AAA	8	26.0	0-5	0	5.19
37 Rogers, Kenny	L-L	6-1	205	11-10-64	Texas	63	109.2	10-10	5	5.42
40 Russell, Jeff	R-R	6-3	205	9-2-61	Texas	68	79.1	6-4	30	3.29
34 Ryan, Nolan	R-R	6-2	212	1-31-47	Texas	27	173.0	12-6	0	2.91
36 Witt, Bobby	R-R	6-2	205	5-11-64	Texas	17	88.2	3-7	0	6.09
					Okla. City AAA	2	8.0	1-1	0	1.13

CATCHERS

	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1991 Club	G	AB	Avg.	HR	RBI	SB
30 Haselman, Bill	R-R	6-3	205	5-25-66	Okla. City AAA	126	442	.256	9	59	10
12 Petralli, Geno	L-R	6-1	200	9-25-59	Texas	87	199	.271	2	20	2
					Okla. City AAA	4	15	.267	0	2	0
7 Rodriguez, Ivan	R-R	5-9	205	11-30-71	Texas	88	280	.264	3	27	0
					Tulsa AA	50	175	.274	3	28	1

INFIELDERS

	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1991 Club	G	AB	Avg.	HR	RBI	SB
54 Colon, Cris	S-R	6-2	180	1-3-69	Tulsa AA	26	102	.392	3	28	0
					Charlotte A	66	249	.313	3	27	4
4 Fariss, Monty	R-R	6-4	205	10-13-67	Texas	19	31	.258	1	6	0
					Okla. City AAA	137	494	.271	13	73	4
14 Franco, Julio	R-R	6-1	190	8-23-61	Texas	146	589	.341	15	78	36
51 Frye, Jeff	R-R	5-9	180	8-31-66	Tulsa AA	131	503	.302	4	41	15
3 Hernandez, Jose	R-R	6-1	180	7-14-69	Texas	45	98	.184	0	4	0
					Okla. City AAA	14	46	.304	1	3	0
					Tulsa AA	91	301	.239	1	20	4
9 Huson, Jeff	L-R	6-3	180	8-15-64	Texas	119	268	.213	2	26	8
					Okla. City AAA	2	6	.500	0	2	0
39 Maurer, Rob	L-L	6-3	210	1-7-67	Texas	13	16	.063	0	2	0
					Okla. City AAA	132	459	.301	20	77	2
56 Oliva, Jose	R-R	6-1	160	3-3-71	Charlotte A	108	384	.240	1	44	9
					Gulf Coast A	3	11	.091	0	1	0
25 Palmeiro, Rafael	L-L	6-0	188	9-24-64	Texas	159	631	.322	26	88	4
16 Palmer, Dean	R-R	6-2	195	12-27-68	Texas	81	268	.187	15	37	0
					Okla. City AAA	60	234	.299	22	59	4
10 Thon, Dickie	R-R	5-11	178	6-20-58	Philadelphia	146	539	.252	9	44	11

OUTFIELDERS

	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1991 Club	G	AB	Avg.	HR	RBI	SB
8 Daugherty, Jack	S-L	6-0	190	7-3-60	Texas	58	144	.194	1	11	1
					Okla. City AAA	22	77	.143	0	4	1
55 Downing, Brian	R-R	5-10	205	10-9-50	Texas	123	407	.278	17	49	1
19 Gonzalez, Juan	R-R	6-3	210	10-16-69	Texas	142	545	.264	27	102	4
33 Harris, Donald	R-R	6-1	185	11-12-67	Texas	18	8	.375	1	2	1
					Tulsa AA	130	450	.227	11	53	9
53 Peltier, Dan	L-L	6-1	200	6-30-68	Okla. City AAA	94	345	.229	3	31	6
24 Pettis, Gary	S-R	6-1	160	4-3-58	Texas	137	282	.216	0	19	29
47 Reimer, Kevin	L-R	6-2	230	6-28-64	Texas	136	394	.269	20	69	0
21 Sierra, Ruben	S-R	6-1	200	10-6-65	Texas	161	661	.307	25	116	16

Manager: Bobby Valentine

Coaches: Ray Burris, Orlando Gomez, Toby Harrah, Tom House, Dave Oliver, Tom Robson

KANSAS CITY ROYALS



By JACK ETKIN
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A second straight sixth-place finish has hammered home a hard reality to the Kansas City Royals. Their problems go beyond the quick-fix, one-player-away approach they utilized in recent years.

Misguided forays into the free agent market after the 1989 and 1990 seasons—signing pitchers such as Mark Davis, Storm Davis and Mike Boddicker, and outfielder Kirk Gibson—left the Royals with minimal return on their investment. Or as manager Hal McRae sized it up, “a second-division team with a first-division payroll.”

Worse, the team veered off course badly at spacious Royals Stadium. The premium there is on line drives and gap-hitting; keeping the ball out of the air is vital to success.

The Royals were 40-41 at home last season, their first losing home-field record since 1981. Throw out that strike-marred season as an aberration, and the last time the Royals were below .500 in Royals Stadium was 1974.

“Go back to the clubs that were successful in this ballpark with the artificial turf and long fences; we had speed, we had defense, we had three center fielders in the outfield,” says Kansas City general manager Herk Robinson. “We had good pitching. And we won well at home. Now we’re not even winning at home.”

When McRae took over from John Wathan as the Royals’ manager on May 24, 1991, McRae saw a distressing situation. “I didn’t think the players were doing the things necessary to win in our ballpark,” he says.

Under McRae, the Royals went 66-58 and batted .270. To beef up their offense, the Royals made wholesale changes in the off-season. A blockbuster trade with the New York Mets cost them ace starter Bret Saberhagen and Bill Pecota, who had won the third base job. In return the Royals got outfielder Kevin McReynolds, infielder Gregg Jefferies and second baseman Keith Miller.

The Royals also signed free agent Wally Joyner, former California Angels first baseman, to a one-year, \$4.2 million deal, and they acquired outfielder Chris Gwynn from the Los Angeles Dodgers along with second baseman Dom-

ingo Mota for first baseman Todd Benzinger.

The end result of all the wheeling and dealing should be a more formidable offense.

Kansas City scored 727 runs, its most since 1982, although that was still only eighth in the American League and a somewhat deceptive output. In just 10 games, Kansas City scored 126 runs, or 17 percent of its total. If the Royals are to move up, good pitching and good defense will have to carry them. Last season, their 3.92 ERA was sixth in the league, a slight improvement over the 3.93 ERA that ranked them eighth in 1990 but inconsequential nonetheless.

STARTING PITCHING

Saberhagen left his mark on Royals history

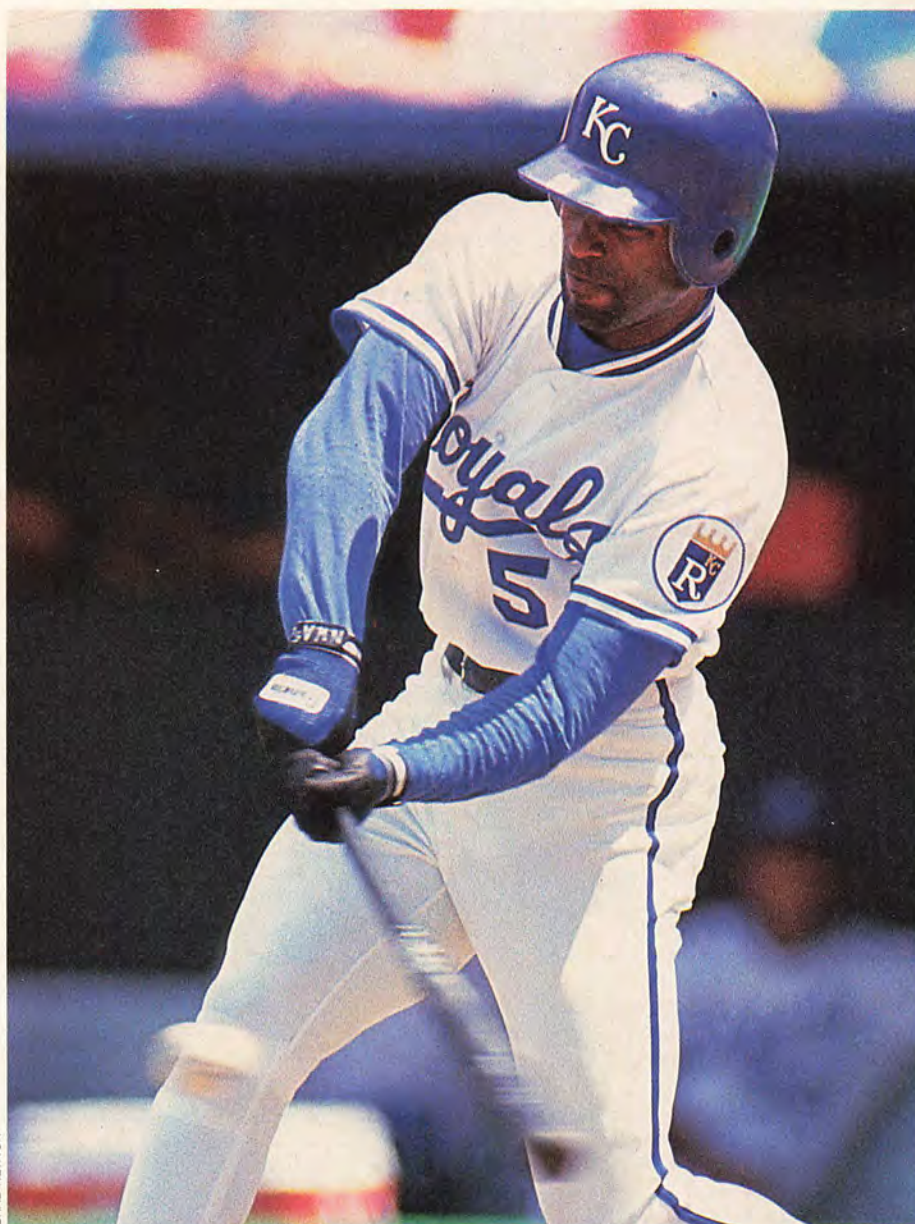
with a 110-78 career record, Cy Young awards in 1985 and ’89 and a no-hitter last season, when he went 13-8 with a 3.07 ERA. Now the Royals must find a No. 1 starter, a situation they will address in spring training.

Kevin Appier led the Royals with 207½ innings pitched and three shutouts as he fashioned a 13-10 record and 3.42 ERA. The 24-year-old Appier rebounded from a 1-5 start and blossomed in his first full season in the majors.

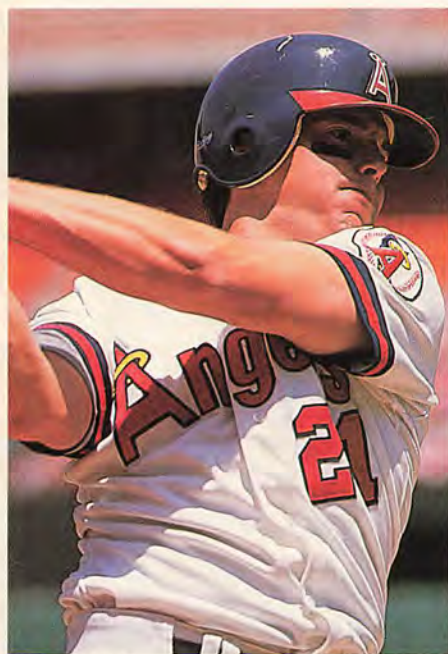
Mark Gubicza came off the disabled list May 14 following arthroscopic shoulder surgery on Aug. 2, 1990, to repair a partial tear in his right rotator cuff. He gave Kansas City 26 starts, and while working with a limit of 100 pitches per game, Gubicza missed no starts due to arm

Probable Opening Day Lineup

Brian McRae	CF
Gregg Jefferies	LF
George Brett	DH
Kevin McReynolds	RF
Wally Joyner	1B
Mike Macfarlane	C
Kevin Seitzer	3B
Keith Miller	2B
David Howard	SS
Kevin Appier	P



BRIAN McRAE



WALLY JOYNER

troubles. The bad news was his 9-12 record with a 5.68 ERA, the 168 hits he allowed in 133 innings and the opponents' .308 batting average. The Royals hope that after a winter of regular work (instead of lobbing a ball from 30 feet while rehabilitating) and a normal spring training, the limit on pitches will be a thing of the past and that Gubicza again will be an effective starter.

If left-hander Mark Davis is to make a contribution to the Royals, it clearly will be as a starter. The erstwhile short reliever was on the disabled list twice last season. He suffered injuries to two fingers on his pitching hand while trying to field balls.

In five starts, Davis was 3-1 with a 2.22 ERA and gave up just 17 hits in 28½ innings. Davis is under contract to Kansas City for \$3.25 million this season and next. After a two-season record of 8-10 with a 4.80 ERA, the Royals will welcome any contribution Davis can give them whether as a starter or reliever.

Boddicker (12-12, 4.08) tailed off in the final seven weeks of his first season with the Royals, going 2-5. He threw 180½ innings, failing to reach 200 for the first time since his rookie season in 1983 because of McRae's tendency to bail out his starters rather than have them work through late-inning trouble.

Boddicker will be 35 in August, but because he relies on his curveball rather than overpowering velocity, the Royals don't feel he's too old to be effective.

Saberhagen's departure could mean a return to the rotation of Tom Gordon, who made 14 starts before moving to the bullpen full-time on July 23. He was 4-7 with a 2.73 ERA in relief and went 5-7 with a 4.77 ERA as a starter. His

outstanding curveball helped him pile up 167 strikeouts in 158 innings.

RELIEF PITCHING

In 67 games, Jeff Montgomery (4-4, 2.90) had a career-high 33 saves, which tied him for fifth in the league. He was successful in 19 of his final 21 save chances and blew six saves. He was particularly effective in the second half of the season with 18 saves and a 1.06 ERA. In addition to his fastball, Montgomery has two breaking pitches. He can throw his curveball to left-handed hitters and attack right-handers with his slider.

To get to Montgomery, the Royals will rely on Mike Magnante, Joel Johnston, Luis Aquino and possibly Gordon. Rookie left-hander Magnante was brought up from triple-A Omaha for the second time on June 15. He was 0-1 with a 2.45 ERA. His 55 innings were the most by a left-handed Royals reliever since the 66½ by Don Hood in 1982.

The move of Mark Davis to the rotation likely will send Aquino back to the bullpen, simply because he has had prior success in relief. Eighteen of Aquino's 38 appearances last year were as a starter. He was 6-4 with a 3.85 ERA as a starter and 2-0, 2.34 in relief.

Johnston was impressive after joining the Royals in September. In 13 appearances, he was 1-0 with an ERA of 0.40. Johnston allowed just one earned run in 22½ innings and only nine hits. He also had 21 strikeouts. With a 90 mph fastball and hard slider, the Royals envision Johnston being a power closer some day. Middle relief will be his role this year.

CATCHING

In Mike Macfarlane, Brent Mayne and Bob Melvin, who was acquired from Baltimore for pitcher Storm Davis, the Royals are stocked with catchers. Melvin hit .250 in 79 games with the Orioles and had one home run and 23 RBI. He made just one error in the 72 games he caught.

Macfarlane was hitting .273 with 13 home runs and 39 RBI on July 15 when Toronto's Joe Carter collided with him at home plate. Macfarlane suffered a torn medial collateral ligament in his left knee and didn't play again until Sept. 14. For the rest of the season, he appeared in 12 games as a pinch hitter or designated hitter. He finished at .277 with 13 home runs and 41 RBI. Macfarlane threw out 15 of 36 runners (42 percent) who tried to steal. The Royals look to him again to be their No. 1 catcher.

In Macfarlane's absence last year, rookie Mayne (.251-3-31 in 85 games) took over everyday catching duties.

INFIELD

In an effort to solidify the defense, McRae benched third baseman Kevin Seitzer and shortstop Kurt Stillwell one game before the All-Star break and put Pecota at third and rookie David Howard at shortstop.

With the departure of Pecota, Kansas City will turn to Seitzer or Jefferies to play third base. Seitzer is coming off minor surgery on both knees, and the Royals hope he will be more mobile this season. In 85 games last year, Seitzer hit a career-low .265.

Jefferies (.272-9-62), a switch-hitter, never has played regularly on artificial turf and may be best-suited for the outfield. He bounced around the infield, playing 51 games at third base, where he made 11 errors and fielded just .916. In 77 games at second base, six errors left him with a .982 percentage.

After letting Stillwell leave via free agency, the Royals remain committed to Howard at shortstop but have turned to Keith Miller to replace light-hitting Terry Shumpert at second base. Howard, a switch-hitter who spent most of May at Omaha, played in 94 games and finished with a .216 average, trailing off from his season-high .233 on Aug. 28.

Miller (.280-4-23) should be an improvement over Shumpert (.217-5-34), a rookie last season.

The first base situation became muddled after George Brett tore a ligament in his right knee early in the 1991 season. The Royals acquired Benzing (.294-2-40) from Cincinnati in July.

Benzing became expendable with the signing of Joyner (.301-21-96). "Wally is ideal for our club and our park," McRae says. "He's a pure hitter, a line-drive type with power, a gap hitter, a guy who puts the ball in play and doesn't strike out."

Joyner struck out only 66 times in 551 at-bats. In his six years with the Angels, Joyner struck



GREGG JEFFERIES

out 331 times in 3,208 at-bats, or one every 9.7 at-bats.

The Royals have indicated they will talk to Joyner and his agent during the season about extending his contract. However, they have agreed to let Joyner become a free agent after the 1992 season.

The addition of Joyner should further limit Brett's playing time at first base. Brett (.255-10-61) became a full-time designated hitter upon returning from his knee injury on May 24. He struggled all season and finished with the lowest average of his 18-year career with the Royals. When Brett boosted his average to .280 on Aug. 7, it seemed that he would hit .300 or better for the 12th time. Instead, he batted .216 for the balance of the season.

In his off-season conditioning, Brett worked on trying to rebuild the muscles around his right knee. Even if he doesn't return to the field, by strengthening his knee, Brett should avoid the trouble he had last season when he wasn't able to transfer his weight properly to his right leg while striding into a pitch. Consequently, he dragged his hands through the strike zone. Brett, who will turn 39 on May 15, is 32nd all-time with 2,836 lifetime hits and is confident of reaching 3,000 this season if he can play 150-155 games. He stands 10th all-time in doubles (599), 15th in extra-base hits (1,019), 21st in total bases (4,566) and 31st in RBI (1,459).

OUTFIELD

In switch-hitting center fielder Brian McRae (.261-8-64), the Royals have a worthy successor to Willie Wilson and Amos Otis. In his first full season in the majors, McRae led his club with 20 stolen bases. By hitting more to the opposite field left-handed, McRae should improve upon his .245 average from that side. He batted .294 right-handed.

Not much went well for Kirk Gibson (.236-16-55) in his first season in the AL since 1987. He hit just .197 against left-handers, and his status this year depends on where Jefferies plays. Going into spring training, Jefferies is penciled in at left field.

The departure of free agent Danny Tartabull left Kansas City with a void of 31 home runs and 100 RBI in right field. The Royals hope McReynolds (.259-16-74) can come off a mediocre year and give them the power they need.

Jim Eisenreich (.301-2-47) can play any position in the outfield.

BENCH

Melvin and/or Mayne figure to be part of the reserve corps along with outfielders Gwynn, Gary Thurman and perhaps Harvey Pulliam. The Royals acquired utility infielder Rico Rossy from Atlanta in the off-season. For another extra infielder, they can turn to Stu Cole, who was brought up in September after hitting .261 at Omaha. ■

ROYALS LEADERS '91

Avg.	Tartabull	.316	HR	Tartabull	31	RBI	Tartabull	100	SB	McRae	20
ERA	Magnante	2.45	Wins	Saberhagen, 13	K's	Gordon	167	Saves	Montgomery	33	Appier

PITCHERS

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52	R-R	5-11	185	8-23-57	Kansas City	30	180.2	12-12	0	4.08
	R-R	6-1	205	4-14-65	Omaha AAA	25	129.2	6-9	0	4.51
50	R-R	6-4	190	12-30-67	Kansas City	2	2.1	0-0	0	3.86
	R-R	6-4	190	12-30-67	Memphis AA	28	156.1	8-8	0	4.66
48	L-L	6-4	210	10-19-60	Kansas City	29	62.2	6-3	1	4.45
16	R-R	5-9	180	11-18-67	Kansas City	45	158.0	9-14	1	3.87
23	R-R	6-5	225	8-14-62	Kansas City	26	133.0	9-12	0	5.68
58	R-R	6-4	220	3-8-67	Kansas City	13	22.1	1-0	0	0.40
	R-R	6-4	220	3-8-67	Omaha AAA	47	74.1	4-7	8	5.21
57	L-L	6-1	180	6-17-65	Kansas City	38	55.0	0-1	0	2.45
	L-L	6-1	180	6-17-65	Omaha AAA	10	65.2	6-1	0	3.02
59	R-R	6-1	215	10-18-66	Kansas City	5	7.2	0-0	0	8.22
	R-R	6-1	215	10-18-66	Omaha AAA	41	61.0	1-1	9	4.28
	R-R	6-2	165	1-27-68	Detroit	10	27.2	2-1	0	5.20
	R-R	6-2	165	1-27-68	Toledo AAA	26	125.1	9-7	2	3.09
	R-L	6-2	195	9-15-67	Omaha AAA	14	78.1	7-3	0	3.22
	R-L	6-2	195	9-15-67	Memphis AA	10	53.0	4-5	0	2.55
21	R-R	5-11	180	1-7-62	Kansas City	67	90.0	4-4	33	2.90
	R-R	6-1	160	8-22-69	Memphis AA	34	99.0	3-11	0	4.27
	L-L	6-1	185	10-6-68	Memphis AA	31	136.0	5-11	0	3.84
34	R-R	6-3	200	11-26-68	Kansas City	2	10.0	1-1	0	7.20
	R-R	6-3	200	11-26-68	Omaha AAA	17	86.1	5-6	0	3.44

CATCHERS

	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1991 Club	G	AB	Avg.	HR	RBI	SB
15	R-R	6-1	205	4-12-64	Kansas City	84	267	.277	13	41	1
24	L-R	6-1	190	4-19-68	Kansas City	85	231	.251	3	31	2
	R-R	6-4	206	10-28-61	Baltimore	79	228	.250	1	23	0
7	R-R	6-2	205	7-2-66	Kansas City	37	74	.189	3	14	1

INFELDERS

	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1991 Club	G	AB	Avg.	HR	RBI	SB
47	R-R	5-11	210	3-22-66	Kansas City	31	60	.133	0	1	0
	R-R	5-11	210	3-22-66	Omaha AAA	103	368	.264	11	54	8
5	L-R	6-0	205	5-15-53	Kansas City	131	505	.255	10	61	2
39	R-R	6-1	175	2-7-66	Kansas City	9	7	.143	0	0	0
	R-R	6-1	175	2-7-66	Omaha AAA	120	441	.261	3	39	11
19	R-R	6-1	220	6-27-66	Omaha AAA	51	171	.257	3	15	0
31	S-R	6-0	165	2-26-67	Kansas City	94	236	.216	1	17	3
	S-R	6-0	165	2-26-67	Omaha AAA	14	41	.122	0	2	1
	S-R	5-10	185	8-1-67	New York (NL)	136	486	.272	9	62	26
	L-L	6-2	203	6-16-62	California	143	551	.301	21	96	2
	R-R	5-11	185	6-12-63	New York (NL)	98	275	.280	4	23	14
33	R-R	5-11	190	3-26-62	Kansas City	85	234	.265	1	25	4
3	R-R	5-11	190	8-16-66	Kansas City	144	369	.217	5	34	17

OUTFIELDERS

	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1991 Club	G	AB	Avg.	HR	RBI	SB
8	L-L	5-11	200	4-18-59	Kansas City	135	375	.301	2	47	5
30	L-L	6-3	225	5-28-57	Kansas City	132	462	.236	16	55	18
	L-L	6-0	210	10-13-64	Los Angeles	94	139	.252	5	22	1
	L-R	5-8	165	9-24-66	Omaha AAA	25	94	.298	2	19	4
	L-R	5-8	165	9-24-66	Memphis AA	81	287	.324	7	39	10
56	S-R	6-0	185	8-27-67	Kansas City	152	629	.261	8	64	20
	R-R	6-1	215	10-16-59	New York (NL)	143	522	.259	16	74	6
	R-R	6-1	190	10-29-70	Baseball City A	130	485	.210	1	23	61
51	R-R	6-0	210	10-20-67	Kansas City	18	33	.273	3	4	0
	R-R	6-0	210	10-20-67	Omaha AAA	104	346	.257	6	39	2
25	R-R	5-10	175	11-12-64	Kansas City	80	184	.277	2	13	15

Manager: Hal McRae

Coaches: Glenn Ezell, Adrian Garrett, Guy Hansen, Lynn Jones, Bruce Kison, Lee May



By JOHN OWEN
Seattle Post-Intelligencer

If it ain't broke, don't fix it. That's sound advice if you're dealing with atomic clocks, 33 MHz computers or Japanese motorcycles.

But, heck, everybody tinkers with baseball teams.

The owner and the vice president of the Seattle Mariners got unprecedented mileage out of their 1991 model. It was accelerating smartly when it hit the finish line. Nevertheless, Jeff Smulyan and Woody Woodward placed an emergency call to the plumber. Correction. They placed a call to Bill Plummer. And this season he'll try to steer the franchise into areas his predecessor never reached.

A lot of baseball people praised Jim Lefebvre. In each of his years as Mariner manager he improved the team's record, and in 1991 Seattle achieved its first .500 season, a record 83 wins and unprecedented attendance of over two million. Even so, Lefebvre was replaced.

When owner Smulyan and vice president Woodward picked Plummer from their own staff to fill the vacancy, they cited a desire to maintain continuity in the program. Plummer has been in the organization 13 years as a player, minor league manager and, most recently, as a coach under Lefebvre.

Plummer's choice was popular with Seattle players. Seven Mariners have worked with Plummer since their minor league days.

"I think we have the nucleus for a good ballclub," Plummer says. "My philosophy stresses pitching and defense, but I think we can do a little more running than we've done in the past."

"I don't know a guy on this team who wouldn't want to play for Bill Plummer," says center fielder Ken Griffey Jr., who seems to be in charge of the hitting.

STARTING PITCHING

American League scouts, coaches and players agree that the future is bright for Seattle. Yet the starting pitchers are still trying to reach their potentials.

Going into the 1991 season, Randy Johnson, Erik Hanson and Brian Holman looked capable of 20-win seasons. None managed more than 13.

Probable Opening Day Lineup

Harold Reynolds	2B
Edgar Martinez	3B
Ken Griffey Jr.	CF
Kevin Mitchell	LF
Pete O'Brien	1B
Jay Buhner	RF
Tino Martinez	DH
Omar Vizquel	SS
Dave Valle	C
Randy Johnson	P



KEN GRIFFEY JR.

Hanson (8-8, 3.81) and Johnson (13-10, 3.98) posted fewer triumphs than in '90.

"We all thought we could win 20," admits Johnson, tallest pitcher in the majors at 6-10 and author of a no-hitter in his first full season (1990) in Seattle. "But winning 20 is pretty difficult."

To achieve that goal, Johnson must improve his ball-strike ratio. Last year he walked 152 batters, almost twice as many as his wildest teammates.

Seattle's starting pitchers will have to be lucky as well as healthy. The Mariners scored 702 runs, 28 more than their opponents. But in Holman's 14 losses (against 13 wins) his teammates provided only 22 runs. His ERA was 3.69.

Rich DeLucia's (12-13) ERA was an unimpressive 5.09 and he yielded 31 home runs, yet he was credited with more wins than any other AL rookie. DeLucia and free agent Bill Krueger (11-8, 3.60) were pleasant surprises.

The coaching staff anticipates challenges from 21-year-old fireballer Roger Salkeld, who spent last year in Class AA Jacksonville and Class AAA Calgary, and from Dave Fleming, who had two impressive showings with the big club late last season.

"I think Salkeld is very close," Woodward says. "Fleming is in a strong position to be a starter or a left-hander in the bullpen."

Seattle may have to discover one or more major league arms. For the second straight year, Holman is coming off surgery, this time for a torn rotator cuff in his right shoulder. Less threatening was the surgery performed on Johnson's right kneecap, injured in a late-season game.

RELIEF PITCHING

The Mariners entered the 1991 season with a firm conviction: The one pitcher the team

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Mariners Shoving Off?

"This is a lifetime dream come true," new Seattle manager Bill Plummer says. "It's neat to walk into an organization going in the right direction."

Seattle fans are hoping southeast isn't the direction the Mariners are moving.

The city that lost its first major league baseball team to Milwaukee in 1970 has been the object of speculation since early last season when owner Jeff Smulyan sounded an alarm. He said he was losing money at an unanticipated rate.

The Mariners are for sale for \$100 million with local buyers sought first. If there are no local offers, Seattle may lose this team, too—to St. Petersburg, Fla.—despite record attendance of 2,147,905 in the Kingdome last summer.

—John Owen

absolutely could not afford to lose was bullpen ace Mike Schooler, Seattle's all-time leader in career saves.

The season opened April 9, but it didn't start for Schooler until July 8. He was sidelined most of spring training and the first half of the campaign with a strained right tricep. This followed complicated shoulder problems that idled him in the last month of 1990, after he had assured himself of his second successive 30-save season.

Without Schooler last summer, seven other relievers combined for 41 saves. But it's almost essential for the Mariners' welfare in the AL West that Schooler be at 100 percent efficiency on Opening Day because Bill Swift and Mike Jackson were traded to San Francisco in the off-season for Giants slugger Kevin Mitchell.

Because of the uncertainty surrounding Schooler, Swift was used at times last year as a long reliever, a setup man and a ninth-inning

specialist. He had a streak of 18 successful save opportunities extending back to 1990 and a team-low ERA of 1.99. Swift was named Seattle's Pitcher of the Year at season's end. Jackson started the year as the Mariners' designated fireman and was almost untouchable while posting 13 saves before the All-Star break.

In the absence of Swift and Jackson, Plummer needs increased productivity from the surviving members of the bullpen crew.

Left-hander Russ Swan (6-2, 3.43) was drafted originally by Seattle in 1984. He decided to attend Texas A&M instead. But the Mariners persisted and six years later acquired him from San Francisco. Swan can start or relieve, although he was in the bullpen entirely in '91.

Calvin Jones, a rookie last summer, also figures in speculation regarding this year's bullpen.

Almost everybody on the staff expects Plummer to define roles on the relief corps more closely, something Lefebvre was unable to do after the early season loss of Schooler.

CATCHING

Dave Valle hit over .300 in his last 35 games yet finished with an average of .194. He batted .256 with 53 RBI in 1987, his first full season in Seattle, and there is no reason other than mounting frustration to explain his fall in 1991. Whatever the reason, he struggled much of the year, and Lefebvre received strong criticism for staying with him too long.

Actually, Lefebvre had little choice. Scott Bradley hit only .203 as the backup catcher. Valle is an adequate tactician and strong on defense, and he foiled almost 40 percent of stolen base attempts.

The hope is that Dave Cochrane can play a major role behind the plate this season. He batted .247, played first and third base and in the



EDGAR MARTINEZ

outfield, and caught 19 games. Most importantly, Cochrane hit .438 with runners in scoring position. Valle's average in that situation was .163.

It's critical for Seattle to get more production at this position.

INFIELD

Clearly, this is an area of major strength and stability for Seattle.

Harold Reynolds is a three-time Golden Glove and last summer led AL second basemen in double plays, total chances and putouts. Reynolds' 57 RBI set a franchise record for second basemen, and he batted .322 with runners in scoring position (.254 overall).

The arrival of Edgar Martinez (.307-14-52) as a premier major league third baseman and the turnaround of first baseman Pete O'Brien's career are the soundest reasons for optimism. In the midst of a four-year, \$7.6 million guaranteed contract, O'Brien hit .248 with 17 home runs and 88 RBI after going .224-5-27 in 1990.

There has never been any doubt about Omar Vizquel's defensive skills at shortstop. He committed just two errors in his last 50 games. And he was able to contribute 41 RBI, hitting .312 with runners in scoring position. Overall, Vizquel's average was .230.

OUTFIELD

Most informed observers suggest that Ken Griffey Jr. won't reach full maturity as a major



KEVIN MITCHELL

league talent for two or three more years. If Junior is still just an adolescent, every manager would like to discover such a baseball brat.

At the age of 22, Griffey holds the Mariners' single-season record with a .327 batting average in '91. But that figure is misleading. He batted .372 in the second half.

Griffey also established team records for doubles (42) and intentional walks (21), and tied the franchise mark with three grand-slam homers. He became the youngest player to reach the 100 RBI plateau since Al Kaline in 1956. Furthermore, Griffey's spectacular defensive plays furnished enough footage for almost any other player's career highlight film.

The only regret Mariner executives have ever expressed, when their center fielder's name was mentioned, was the absence of a right-handed power hitter in the lineup to put additional pressure on rival teams, which frequently chose to pitch around Griffey.

Woodward filled that need with the acquisition of Mitchell, the National League MVP in 1989. The 30-year-old Mitchell (.256-27-69) was limited to 113 games last season because of a groin injury but has hit 109 home runs in the last three years. He'll be in left field.

Jay Buhner is a superb defensive right fielder with incredible batting power. His 479-foot home run in Yankee Stadium last July was the longest there since the 1976 renovation of the historic park. He led the team with 27 home runs but still hits in streaks and strikes out too often.

Buhner wasn't accepted as an everyday outfielder until last June. He had a couple of extended slumps and batted .368 in his last eight games but wound up with a .244 mark and a .215 average with runners in scoring position. Still, the right field spot is his to lose.

BENCH

If Seoul Olympic star Tino Martinez can solve major league pitching, he probably will get the assignment at first base. That would free O'Brien for duty as the DH. Alvin Davis managed only a .221 average last season.

Martinez hit .326, scored 94 runs and drove in 86 during his MVP season in the Pacific Coast League. But he hit only .205 in 112 plate appearances with Seattle, .182 against right-handed pitchers.

The Mariners lost Ken Griffey Sr. to retirement but are counting on veteran Henry Cotto and 23-year-old Patrick Lennon, who batted .329 with 15 home runs, 74 RBI and 12 stolen bases at Calgary. Lennon was Seattle's first pick in the 1986 June draft.

Cotto (.305) has been described as the "best fourth outfielder" in the majors when he is healthy.

Greg Briley batted .260 in a supporting role. Outfielder Alonzo Powell may add bench strength in his fourth try. Shortstop Rich Amaral won the PCL batting title last year with a .346 average. He also stole 30 bases. ■

MARINERS LEADERS '91

Avg.	Griffey Jr.	.327	HR	Buhner	27	RBI	Griffey Jr.	100	SB	Reynolds	28
ERA	Swift	1.99	Wins	Holman, 13	Johnson	K's	Johnson	228	Saves	Swift	17

PITCHERS

No.	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1991 Club	G	IP	W-L	Sv	ERA
55 DeLucia, Rich	R-R	6-0	180	10-7-64	Seattle	32	182.0	12-13	0	5.09
35 Fleming, Dave	L-L	6-3	200	11-7-69	Seattle	9	17.2	1-0	0	6.62
					Calgary AAA	3	16.0	2-0	0	1.13
					Jacksonville AA	21	140.0	10-6	0	2.70
39 Hanson, Erik	R-R	6-6	210	5-18-65	Seattle	27	174.2	8-8	0	3.81
					Calgary AAA	1	6.0	0-0	0	1.50
47 Harris, Gene	R-R	5-11	190	12-5-64	Seattle	8	13.1	0-0	1	4.05
					Calgary AAA	25	35.0	4-0	4	3.34
36 Holman, Brian	R-R	6-4	185	1-25-65	Seattle	30	195.1	13-14	0	3.69
51 Johnson, Randy	R-L	6-10	225	9-10-63	Seattle	33	201.1	13-10	0	3.98
52 Jones, Calvin	R-R	6-3	185	9-26-63	Seattle	27	46.1	2-2	2	2.53
					Calgary AAA	20	23.0	1-1	7	3.91
27 Knackert, Brent	R-R	6-3	190	8-1-69	San Bernardino A	2	4.1	0-0	0	2.08
40 Nelson, Jeff	R-R	6-8	225	11-17-66	Calgary AAA	28	32.1	3-4	7	.390
					Jacksonville AA	21	28.1	4-0	12	1.27
33 Newlin, Jim	R-R	6-2	205	9-11-66	Jacksonville AA	47	64.0	6-5	12	2.25
14 Remlinger, Mike	L-L	6-0	195	3-23-66	San Francisco	8	35.0	2-1	0	4.37
					Phoenix AAA	19	108.2	5-5	0	6.38
29 Schooler, Mike	R-R	6-3	220	8-10-62	Seattle	34	34.1	3-3	7	3.67
					Jacksonville AA	11	11.1	1-1	0	5.56
37 Swan, Russ	L-L	6-4	215	1-3-64	Seattle	63	78.2	6-2	2	3.43
42 Woodson, Kerry	R-R	6-2	190	5-18-69	Jacksonville AA	13	79.1	4-6	0	3.06
					San Bernardino A	5	27.2	2-0	0	1.95
41 Zavaras, Clint	R-R	6-1	175	1-4-67	Jacksonville AA	6	31.1	2-2	0	4.60
					San Bernardino A	11	40.1	1-3	0	3.79

CATCHERS

9	Bradley, Scott	L-R	5-11	185	3-22-60	Seattle	83	172	.203	0	11	0
31	Campanis, Jeff	R-R	6-1	200	8-27-67	Jacksonville AA	118	387	.248	15	49	0
45	Howard, Chris	R-R	6-2	200	2-27-66	Seattle	9	6	.167	0	0	0
						Calgary AAA	82	293	.246	8	36	1
20	Pirk, Greg	R-R	6-5	225	8-7-70	San Bernardino A	63	239	.314	14	53	4
						Peninsula A	64	239	.264	6	41	0
10	Valle, Dave	R-R	6-2	200	10-30-60	Seattle	132	324	.194	8	32	0

INFELDERS

8	Amaral, Rich	R-R	6-0	175	4-1-62	Seattle	14	16	.063	0	0	0
					Calgary	AAA	86	347	.346	3	36	30
43	Cochrane, Dave	S-R	6-2	180	1-31-63	Seattle	65	178	.247	2	22	0
					Calgary	AAA	47	190	.321	3	37	2
11	Martinez, Edgar	R-R	5-11	175	1-2-63	Seattle	150	544	.307	14	52	0
23	Martinez, Tino	L-R	6-2	205	12-7-67	Seattle	36	112	.205	4	9	0
					Calgary	AAA	122	442	.326	18	86	3
12	O'Brien, Pete	L-L	6-2	195	2-9-58	Seattle	152	560	.248	17	88	0
4	Reynolds, Harold	S-R	5-11	165	11-26-60	Seattle	161	631	.254	3	57	28
2	Schaefer, Jeff	R-R	5-10	170	5-31-60	Seattle	84	164	.250	1	11	3
13	Vizquel, Omar	S-R	5-9	165	4-24-67	Seattle	142	426	.230	1	41	7

OUTFIELDERS

1	Briley, Greg	L-R	5-8	165	5-24-65	Seattle	139	381	.260	2	26	23
19	Buhner, Jay	R-R	6-3	205	8-13-64	Seattle	137	406	.244	27	77	0
28	Cotto, Henry	R-R	6-2	180	1-5-61	Seattle	66	177	.305	6	23	16
24	Griffey Jr., Ken	L-L	6-3	200	11-21-69	Seattle	154	548	.327	22	100	18
26	Lennon, Patrick	R-R	6-2	200	4-27-68	Seattle	9	8	.125	0	1	0
						Calgary AAA	112	416	.329	15	74	12
	Mitchell, Kevin	R-R	5-11	210	1-11-62	San Francisco	113	371	.256	27	69	2
7	Powell, Alonzo	R-R	6-2	190	12-12-64	Seattle	57	111	.216	3	12	0
						Calgary AAA	53	192	.375	7	43	2

Manager: Bill Plummer

Coaches: Gene Clines, Roger Hansen, Rusty Kuntz, Marty Martinez, Russ Nixon, Dan Warthen



By HELENE ELLIOTT
Los Angeles Times

They were the best of the worst last season, the only last-place team ever to finish with a .500 record.

But such niceties meant little to the California Angels, who went through a \$35 million payroll, fired a manager (Doug Rader), a general manager (Mike Port) and restructured their front office only to again dash owner Gene Autry's hopes of making a trip to the World Series.

"I'd rather be the worst first-place team than the best last-place team," left-hander Chuck Finley said.

The Angels were in first place in the American League West for one day (July 3) but tumbled to last in little more than a month. Their offense suffered through a synchronized slump, producing few runs and putting untenable pressure on the pitching staff.

How can a team with two 18-game winners, a 19-game winner and the AL's top reliever finish last? By ranking 13th in the AL in slugging percentage, on-base percentage and runs, by drawing the fewest walks and by being un-

schooling in the art of manufacturing runs, that's how.

The season did end with promise of improvement. Buck Rodgers, a member of the expansion Angels in 1961, replaced Rader as manager on Aug. 26 and promptly restored the hit-and-run to the Angels' playbook. Whitey Herzog, hired Sept. 6 to be California's senior vice president and director of player personnel, brought with him a history of success in Kansas City and St. Louis and a penchant for wheeling and dealing. He also came with what he called a "now plan" for bringing Autry a championship, counting on the examples of the last-to-first Atlanta Braves and Minnesota Twins as proof that a quick turnaround is possible.

STARTING PITCHING

The Angels' strength resided in the left arms of Finley, Jim Abbott and Mark Langston. Although Finley's 3.80 earned run average wasn't as sharp as his 2.40 ERA in 1990, he still produced his second successive 18-9 record. He led the staff in gutsy performances and was sixth

in the league in strikeouts with 171. Finley signed a four-year, \$18.5 million contract at the winter meetings. Langston matched his career-best total with 19 victories (against eight losses) and had the league's eighth-best ERA at 3.00, but Abbott might have been the league's best pitcher in the second half of the season. After going 0-4 with a 6.00 ERA in his first four starts, Abbott righted himself in May and was never again headed. He finished at a personal-best 18-11 with a 2.89 ERA, fourth in the league, and worked a career-high 243 innings with few signs of strain.

From there, though, the dropoff was startling. Kirk McCaskill (10-19, 4.26), healthy after undergoing elbow surgery, flailed through a nightmarish season and ultimately led the AL in losses. However, he frequently received little offensive support from his teammates, who scored only 16 runs in his 19 losses. As a free agent, McCaskill signed a multimillion-dollar contract with the Chicago White Sox.

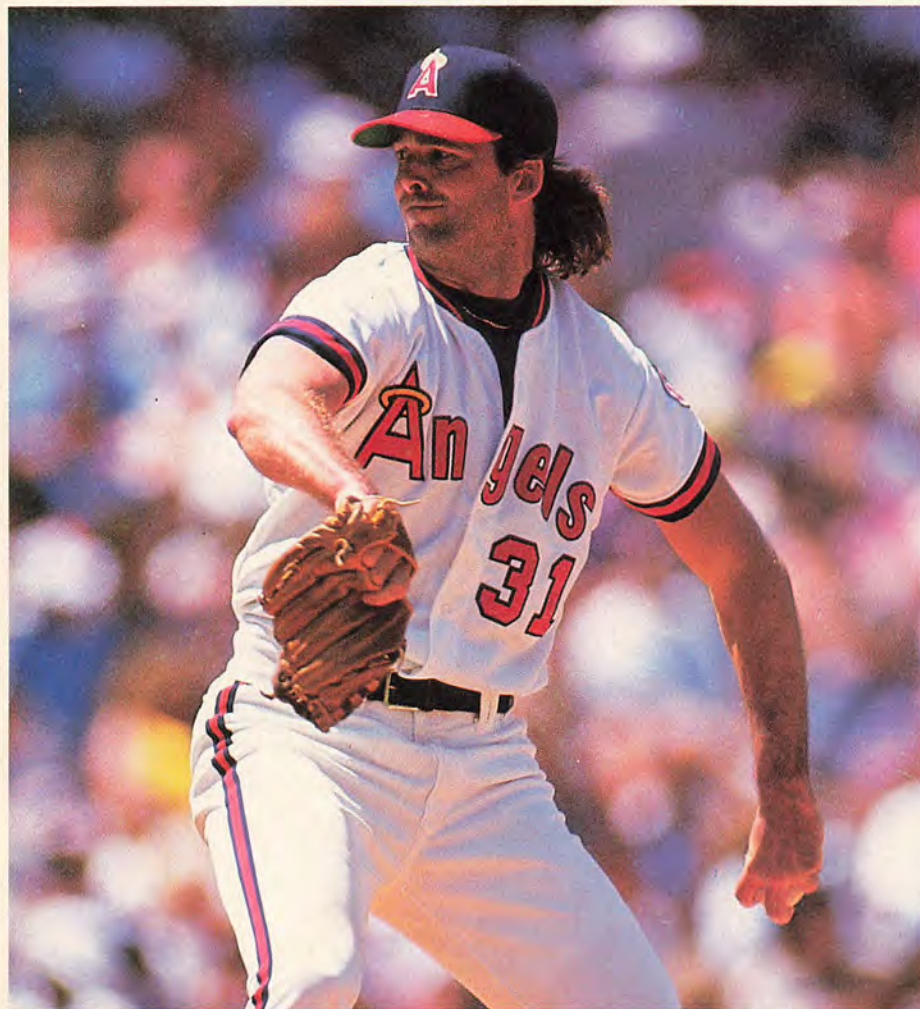
The starters who auditioned for the fifth spot in the rotation were 1-16 at one point in the season, and even former Dodger favorite Fernando Valenzuela couldn't plug what became a black hole. Valenzuela, who was signed as a free agent, was 0-2 with a 12.15 ERA before a heart problem put him on the disabled list; when he was declared fit, he balked at a rehabilitation stay in the minors and was released.

Probable Opening Day Lineup

Luis Polonia	LF
Junior Felix	CF
Von Hayes	RF
Lee Stevens	1B
Hubie Brooks	DH
Gary Gaetti	3B
Dick Schofield	SS
Johnorton	C
Luis Sojo	2B
Jim Abbott	P

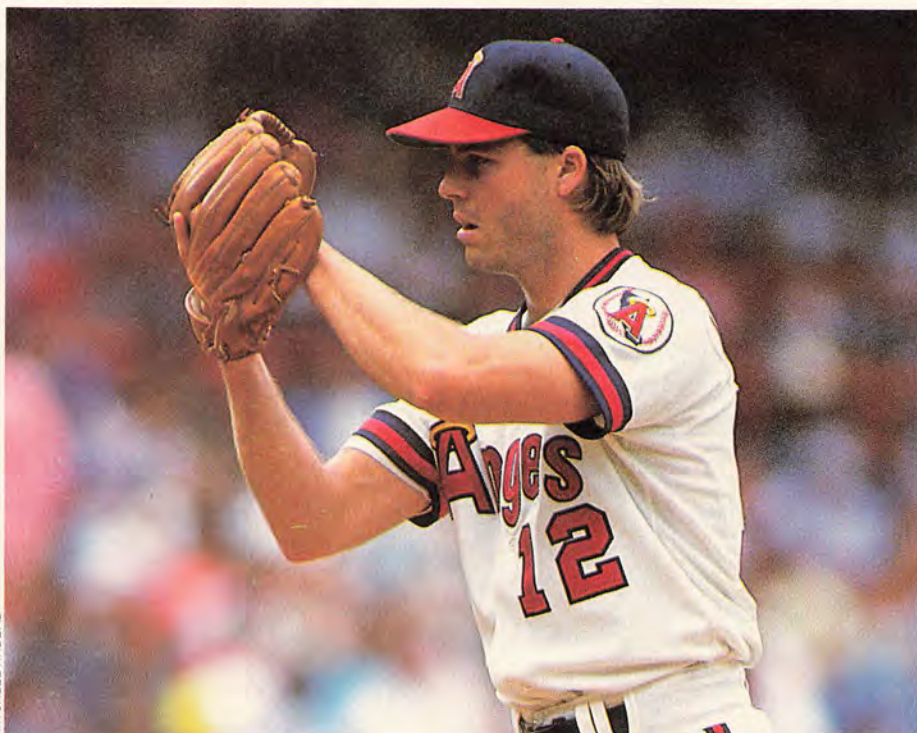
Those failures and McCaskill's struggles nearly negated the good done by Finley, Abbott and Langston.

The fourth and fifth spots loom as potential problems again. But if Don Robinson, 34, signed as a free agent, can regain his form of the late 1980s with San Francisco, he probably would fill the role of fourth starter. Robinson was 5-9, 4.38 for the Giants and started 16 games. Rookie right-handers Joe Grahe and Scott Lewis performed better in relief stints than they did as starters, but they were expected to pitch in both roles in spring training to determine their strengths. Grahe, who lost his first seven starts before a 2-1 win over Milwaukee, was 2-7 as a starter; Lewis won two of seven starts. Both were 1-0 in relief.



CHUCK FINLEY

PETER BROUILLET



MARK LANGSTON

Kyle Abbott, California's first-round draft pick in 1989, was traded, along with outfielder Ruben Amaro, to Philadelphia for outfielder Von Hayes.

RELIEF PITCHING

Bryan Harvey's wicked forkball and fierce fastball helped him convert 46 of 52 save op-

portunities and compile a 1.60 ERA, a career year. They also helped him to a four-year, \$5.5 million deal with the Angels that made him the highest-paid relief pitcher in baseball. Most of Harvey's saves were set up by submariner Mark Eichhorn, who faltered in the final month but sported a 1.98 ERA, nonetheless.

Middle relief and long relief were weaknesses

and could be problems again, unless Chuck Crim, acquired during the winter meetings in a trade with Milwaukee, brings help. The right-hander was 8-5, 4.63. Cliff Young showed late promise as he worked on a forkball to complement his blazing fastball, and he might become the left-hander Rodgers summons to face especially tough left-handed hitters. Grahe or Lewis likely will pitch in long relief and can be spot starters when needed. Grahe relies on control to be effective; neither is overpowering.

CATCHING

Lance Parrish (.216-19-51), who reaches his 36th birthday in June, slumped in 1991. Back problems hampered him at times, but he is still well able to handle the pitching staff. His 19 home runs ranked third on the team behind Dave Winfield (28) and Wally Joyner (21).

John Orton has long been regarded as California's catcher of the future, and his future may be now. His .203 batting average and paltry three RBI raise questions about his offensive skills, but Rodgers was impressed by his defensive prowess. New hitting instructor Rod Carew planned to work with Orton this spring to beef up his average. Orton, 26, also must develop authority behind the plate. Ron Tingley, a solid defensive catcher, was an ideal backup.

INFIELD

Joyner, who hit a career-best .301 with 21 home runs and 96 RBI in '91, took free agency and signed a one-year, \$4.2 million contract with Kansas City. The first baseman rejected a four-year, \$15.75 million offer by the Angels.

If Hayes doesn't play right field, he might replace Joyner at first base. However, Lee

Jim Abbott Could Have Critiqued His Critics

Jim Abbott heard the debates on radio talk shows and knew of the assertions made by newspaper columnists, and hearing doubts about his abilities stung him.

The Angel left-hander's shaky 0-4 start in 1991 sparked suggestions that he might benefit from some minor league experience, that maybe he had been rushed into the major leagues in 1989 fresh out of the University of Michigan and the U.S. Olympic team.

Abbott had dropped to a 10-14 record in 1990 and gave up a league-leading 246 hits in 211⅓ innings after his admirable rookie showing of 12-12 in 1989, so speculation was rampant that a visit to triple-A Edmonton was in his future.

Abbott answered the best way he knew how: by recovering from his slow start to become one of the American League's most effective and successful pitchers.

Abbott, who turned 24 in September, silenced his detractors by compiling an 18-11 record and a sparkling 2.89 ERA, ranking him

among the league leaders in both categories. Backed by the advice and the unwavering faith of pitching coach Marcel Lachemann, who had proclaimed that if Abbott were sent to Edmonton he would go, too, Abbott was 16-4 from May 5-Sept. 8. He reached career highs in strikeouts (158) and innings pitched (243) and lost his chance for a 20-win season only when relievers failed to protect several leads they had been given.

It was the year Abbott lost the "one-handed pitcher" tag and became simply a splendid pitcher.

"I was able to put a lot of things into place that I learned from my first couple of years," said Abbott, who was born without a right hand. "I went through a lot of ups and downs early this year, too. With the help of Marcel Lachemann, I was able to put it all into perspective. All the lessons paid off."

Lachemann returned the compliment. "I'm proud of all the guys, but Jimmy, he's just a good kid; he came along so quick," Lache-



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mann said. "He doesn't ask for any quarter. He keeps trying to win and get better. He's probably one of the best in the league right now."

And if the AL ever dispenses with the DH, Abbott might rank among the best hitting pitchers. His triple off the wall in right-center during a spring training game against the Giants last March at Scottsdale, Ariz., is still being talked about and won't be forgotten by anyone who saw it.

—Helene Elliott

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Stevens, who appeared in 67 games for the 1990 Angels and 18 last season, is likely to be there on Opening Day. He hit .293 in '91.

Luis Sojo (.258), acquired from Toronto before last season, was impressive in spurts but couldn't win the regular second base job under Rader. Rodgers liked Sojo's bunting ability and asked him to use it often; Sojo's lack of speed and his habit of making spectacular plays while flubbing easy ones count against him, but his willingness to work is in his favor.

Shortstop Dick Schofield slumped in the second half to finish at .225, eight points below his career average. Rodgers was trying to get Schofield to make better use of his speed. Schofield took free agency but accepted arbitration.

Gary Gaetti, who signed as a free agent after the '90 season, didn't furnish the offensive fireworks the Angels had hoped for, but his range and enthusiasm did much to stabilize what had been a shaky infield. Gaetti, who will be entering the second season of his four-year, \$11.4 million contract, hit 18 homers, fourth among AL third basemen behind Detroit's Travis Fryman, Toronto's Kelly Gruber and Chicago's Robin Ventura. Gaetti's .246 average was an improvement over his .229 performance in 1990 for Minnesota, but his 66 RBI fell well below his average of 93 in the previous five seasons.

OUTFIELD

The Angels' decision to buy out the option of the 40-year-old Winfield, who later signed with Toronto, took 28 home runs and 86 RBI out of their lineup, a loss they could ill afford without compensating in the free agent market or making a trade.

The Angels traded for power when they obtained 35-year-old right fielder Hubie Brooks (.238-16-50) from the New York Mets in exchange for Dave Gallagher, who hit .293 but had only one home run and 30 RBI. However, with Hayes on hand, Brooks may be the DH.

Rodgers and Herzog liked what they saw of Junior Felix (.283), limited as their look was by his leg injuries. Felix has raw speed and promise as a hitter, but a calf muscle pull left California unsure whether it can count on the center fielder to play every day.

Luis Polonia showed improvement defensively, but he'll never win a Gold Glove. Polonia can hit—he finished at .296 after staying above .300 much of the season—and he can run, as evidenced by his career-high 48 steals. The left fielder is an ideal leadoff hitter and the fleetest player on the team by far.

BENCH

Right-handed batter Shawn Abner (.228) appeared in 38 games as a spare outfielder. Infielder Donnie Hill, a switch-hitter, also came off the bench. There's no imposing figure on the bench and little speed, a major drawback in 1991 when Rodgers tried to energize the offense by installing the hit-and-run as a favorite option. ■

ANGELS LEADERS '91

Avg. Joyner .301	HR Winfield 28	RBI Joyner 96	SB Polonia 48
ERA Harvey 1.60	Wins Langston 19	K's Langston 183	Saves Harvey 46

PITCHERS

No.	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1991 Club	G	IP	W-L	Sv	ERA
25 Abbott, Jim	L-L	6-3	210	9-19-67	California	34	243.0	18-11	0	2.89
43 Bailes, Scott	L-L	6-2	171	12-18-62	California	42	51.2	1-2	0	4.18
44 Butcher, Michael	R-R	6-1	200	5-10-65	Midland AA	41	88.0	9-6	3	5.22
33 Crim, Chuck	R-R	6-0	185	7-23-61	Milwaukee	66	91.1	8-5	3	4.63
45 Eichhorn, Mark	R-R	6-3	210	11-21-60	California	70	81.2	3-3	1	1.98
42 Erb, Michael	R-R	6-4	210	3-19-66	Edmonton AAA	31	40.2	1-0	5	3.76
31 Finley, Chuck	L-L	6-6	214	11-26-62	California	34	227.1	18-9	0	3.80
49 Fortugno, Tim	L-L	6-0	185	4-11-62	Denver AAA	26	35.1	0-1	2	3.57
					El Paso AA	20	54.1	5-1	1	1.99
20 Grahe, Joe	R-R	6-0	200	8-14-67	California	18	73.0	3-7	0	4.81
					Edmonton AAA	14	94.1	9-3	0	4.01
34 Harvey, Bryan	R-R	6-2	212	6-2-63	California	67	78.2	2-4	46	1.60
23 Holdridge, David	R-R	6-3	185	2-5-68	Reading AA	7	26.1	0-2	0	5.47
					Clearwater A	15	25.0	0-0	1	7.56
12 Langston, Mark	R-L	6-2	184	8-20-60	California	34	246.1	19-8	0	3.00
46 Lewis, Scott	R-R	6-3	178	12-5-65	California	16	60.1	3-5	0	6.27
					Edmonton AAA	17	110.0	3-9	0	4.50
Robinson, Don	R-R	6-4	235	6-8-57	San Francisco	34	121.1	5-9	1	4.38
27 Swingle, Paul	R-R	6-0	185	12-21-66	Palm Springs A	43	57.0	5-4	10	4.42
35 Young, Cliff	L-L	6-4	210	8-2-64	California	11	12.2	1-0	0	4.26
					Edmonton AAA	34	71.2	4-8	5	4.90
54 Zappelli, Mark	R-R	6-0	160	7-21-66	Edmonton AAA	17	24.1	2-1	0	4.44
					Midland AA	32	32.2	2-2	11	2.48

CATCHERS

						G	AB	Avg.	HR	RBI	SB
14 Orton, John	R-R	6-1	192	12-8-65	California	29	69	.203	0	3	0
					Edmonton AAA	76	245	.224	5	32	5
13 Parrish, Lance	R-R	6-3	224	6-15-56	California	119	402	.216	19	51	0
24 Tingley, Ron	R-R	6-2	194	5-27-59	California	45	115	.200	1	13	1
					Edmonton AAA	17	55	.291	3	15	1

INFELDERS

11 DiSarcina, Gary	R-R	6-1	178	11-19-67	California	18	57	.211	0	3	0
					Edmonton AAA	119	390	.310	4	58	16
38 Flora, Kevin	R-R	6-0	180	6-10-69	California	3	8	.125	0	0	1
					Midland AA	124	484	.285	12	67	40
3 Gaetti, Gary	R-R	6-0	200	8-19-58	California	152	586	.246	18	66	5
41 Phillips, J.R.	L-L	6-1	185	4-29-70	Palm Springs A	130	471	.248	20	70	15
6 Rose, Bobby	R-R	5-11	185	3-15-67	California	22	65	.277	1	8	0
					Edmonton AAA	62	242	.298	6	56	3
17 Schofield, Dick	R-R	5-10	179	11-21-62	California	134	427	.225	0	31	8
10 Sojo, Luis	R-R	5-11	174	1-3-66	California	113	364	.258	3	20	4
19 Stevens, Lee	L-L	6-4	219	7-10-67	California	18	58	.293	0	9	1
					Edmonton AAA	123	481	.314	19	96	4

OUTFIELDERS

16 Abner, Shawn	R-R	6-1	194	6-17-66	California	41	101	.228	2	9	1
					San Diego	53	115	.165	1	5	0
8 Brooks, Hubie	R-R	6-0	205	9-24-56	New York (NL)	103	357	.238	16	50	3
30 Curtis, Chad	R-R	5-10	175	11-6-68	Edmonton AAA	115	431	.316	9	61	46
40 Davis, Mark	R-R	6-0	170	11-25-64	California	3	2	.000	0	0	0
					Edmonton AAA	115	421	.278	13	56	32
48 Edmonds, James	L-L	6-1	190	6-27-70	Palm Springs A	60	187	.294	2	27	2
47 Felix, Junior	S-R	5-11	165	10-3-67	California	66	230	.283	2	26	7
					Palm Springs A	18	64	.359	2	10	8
9 Hayes, Von	L-R	6-5	188	8-31-58	Philadelphia	77	284	.225	0	21	9
					Scranton AAA	2	8	.250	0	0	0
Morris, John	L-L	6-1	185	2-23-61	Philadelphia	85	127	.220	1	6	2
22 Polonia, Luis	L-L	5-8	150	10-12-64	California	150	604	.296	2	50	48

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Coaches: Rod Carew, Deron Johnson, Bobby Knoop, Marcel Lachemann, Ken Macha, Jimmie Reese

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EASTERN DIVISION

Club	W	L	Pct.	GB
Toronto	91	71	.562	-
Detroit	84	78	.519	7
Boston	84	78	.519	7
Milwaukee	83	79	.512	8
New York	71	91	.438	20
Baltimore	67	95	.414	24
Cleveland	57	105	.352	34

VS. EASTERN DIVISION

TOR	DET	BOS	MIL	NY	BAL	CLE
-	8	4	7	7	8	12
5	-	8	4	8	8	6
9	5	-	7	6	5	9
6	9	6	-	6	10	8
6	5	7	7	-	8	7
5	5	8	3	5	-	7
1	7	4	5	6	6	-

VS. WESTERN DIVISION

MN	CHI	TEX	OAK	SEA	KC	CAL
8	5	6	6	7	7	6
4	8	6	4	8	8	7
3	7	5	8	9	7	4
6	5	7	8	3	3	6
2	4	5	6	3	5	6
7	4	9	3	4	4	6
2	6	4	5	2	4	5

WESTERN DIVISION

Club	W	L	Pct.	GB
Minnesota	95	67	.586	-
Chicago	87	75	.537	8
Texas	85	77	.525	10
Oakland	84	78	.519	11
Seattle	83	79	.512	12
Kansas City	82	80	.506	13
California	81	81	.500	14

VS. EASTERN DIVISION

TOR	DET	BOS	MIL	NY	BAL	CLE
4	8	9	6	10	8	10
7	4	5	7	8	8	6
6	6	7	5	7	3	8
6	8	4	4	6	9	7
5	4	3	9	9	8	10
5	4	5	9	7	8	8
6	5	8	6	6	6	7

VS. WESTERN DIVISION

MN	CHI	TEX	OAK	SEA	KC	CAL
-	5	6	8	9	7	5
8	-	8	7	7	7	5
7	5	-	9	8	6	8
5	6	4	-	6	7	12
4	6	5	7	-	6	7
6	6	7	6	7	-	4
8	8	5	1	6	9	-

Read across for team's victories against each opponent; read down for losses.

BATTING LEADERS

AVERAGE

341	Julio Franco, Texas
332	Wade Boggs, Bos.
327	Willie Randolph, Mil.
327	Ken Griffey Jr., Sea.
325	Paul Molitor, Mil.
323	Cal Ripken, Balt.
322	Rafael Palmeiro, Texas
319	Kirby Puckett, Minn.
318	Frank Thomas, Chi.
316	Danny Tartabull, K.C.

RUNS

133	Paul Molitor, Mil.
115	Rafael Palmeiro, Texas
115	Jose Canseco, Oak.
110	Ruben Sierra, Texas
110	Devon White, Tor.
108	Julio Franco, Texas
105	Rickey Henderson, Oak.
104	Frank Thomas, Chi.
102	Cecil Fielder, Det.
102	Tim Raines, Chi.

HITS

216	Paul Molitor, Mil.
210	Cal Ripken, Balt.
203	Rafael Palmeiro, Texas
203	Ruben Sierra, Texas
201	Julio Franco, Texas
198	Steve Sax, N.Y.
195	Kirby Puckett, Minn.
188	Roberto Alomar, Tor.
181	Devon White, Tor.
181	Wade Boggs, Bos.

DOUBLES

49	Rafael Palmeiro, Texas
46	Cal Ripken, Balt.
44	Ruben Sierra, Texas
42	Ken Griffey Jr., Sea.
42	Jody Reed, Bos.
42	Joe Carter, Tor.
42	Wade Boggs, Bos.
41	Roberto Alomar, Tor.
40	Devon White, Tor.
40	George Brett, K.C.

TRIPLES

13	Lance Johnson, Chi.
13	Paul Molitor, Mil.
11	Roberto Alomar, Tor.
10	Mike Devereaux, Balt.
10	Devon White, Tor.
9	Brian McRae, K.C.
9	Dan Gladden, Minn.
8	Shane Mack, Minn.
8	Ruben Sierra, Cal.
Two tied with 7	

HOME RUNS

44	Cecil Fielder, Det.
44	Jose Canseco, Oak.
34	Cal Ripken, Balt.
33	Joe Carter, Tor.
32	Frank Thomas, Chi.
31	Mickey Tettleton, Det.
31	Danny Tartabull, K.C.
29	Chili Davis, Minn.
Three tied with 28	

RUNS BATTED IN

133	Cecil Fielder, Det.
122	Jose Canseco, Oak.
116	Ruben Sierra, Texas
114	Cal Ripken, Balt.
109	Frank Thomas, Chi.
108	Joe Carter, Tor.
102	Juan Gonzalez, Texas
100	Robin Ventura, Chi.
100	Ken Griffey Jr., Sea.
100	Danny Tartabull, K.C.

TOTAL BASES

368	Cal Ripken, Balt.
336	Rafael Palmeiro, Texas
332	Ruben Sierra, Texas
325	Paul Molitor, Mil.
321	Joe Carter, Tor.
320	Cecil Fielder, Det.
318	Jose Canseco, Oak.
309	Frank Thomas, Chi.
292	Devon White, Tor.
289	Ken Griffey Jr., Sea.

EXTRA-BASE HITS

85	Cal Ripken, Balt.
78	Rafael Palmeiro, Texas
78	Joe Carter, Tor.
77	Jose Canseco, Oak.
74	Ruben Sierra, Texas
69	Cecil Fielder, Det.
69	Danny Tartabull, K.C.
67	Devon White, Tor.
65	Ken Griffey Jr., Sea.
65	Frank Thomas, Chi.

MULTI-HIT GAMES

73	Cal Ripken, Balt.
65	Paul Molitor, Mil.
64	Julio Franco, Texas
64	Kirby Puckett, Minn.
59	Rafael Palmeiro, Texas
58	Ruben Sierra, Texas
58	Steve Sax, N.Y.
56	Devon White, Tor.
Three tied with 54	

HITTING STREAKS

22	Brian McRae, K.C.
July 20-Aug. 13	
21	Joe Orsulak, Balt.
Aug. 2-25	
20	Chuck Knoblauch, Minn.
Sept. 2-25	
19	Darryl Hamilton, Mil.
July 25-Aug. 14	
18	Ruben Sierra, Texas
June 12-30	

WALKS

138	Frank Thomas, Chi.
101	Mickey Tettleton, Det.
98	Rickey Henderson, Oak.
96	Jack Clark, Bos.
95	Chili Davis, Minn.
93	Mark McGwire, Oak.
90	Lou Whitaker, Sea.
89	Rob Deer, Det.
89	Wade Boggs, Bos.
Two tied with 84	

STOLEN BASES

58	Rickey Henderson, Oak.
53	Roberto Alomar, Tor.
51	Tim Raines, Chi.
48	Luis Polonia, Cal.
41	Milt Cuyler, Det.
36	Julio Franco, Texas
33	Devon White, Tor.
32	Roberto Kelly, N.Y.
31	Steve Sax, N.Y.
29	Gary Pettis, Texas

ON-BASE PCT.

.453	Frank Thomas, Chi.
.424	Willie Randolph, Mil.
.421	Wade Boggs, Bos.
.408	Julio Franco, Texas
.405	Edgar Martinez, Sea.
.400	Rickey Henderson, Oak.
.399	Paul Molitor, Mil.
.399	Ken Griffey Jr., Sea.
.397	Danny Tartabull, K.C.
.391	Lou Whitaker, Det.

SLUGGING PCT.

.593	Danny Tartabull, K.C.
.566	Cal Ripken, Balt.
.556	Jose Canseco, Oak.
.553	Frank Thomas, Chi.
.532	Rafael Palmeiro, Texas
.527	Ken Griffey Jr., Sea.
.523	Cecil Fielder, Det.
.507	Chili Davis, Minn.
.503	Joe Carter, Tor.
.502	Ruben Sierra, Texas

HARDEST TO FAN
(Plate App. per SO)

20.0	Wade Boggs, Bos.
18.6	Steve Sax, N.Y.
17.1	Mike Greenwell, Bos.
16.8	B.J. Surhoff, Mil.
16.7	Jim Gantner, Mil.
15.3	Chuck Knoblauch, Minn.
15.6	Cal Ripken, Balt.
15.4	Don Mattingly, N.Y.
14.6	Ozzie Guillen, Chi.
13.5	Willie Randolph, Mil.

HOME RUN RATIO
(At Bats per HR)

13.0	Jose Canseco, Oak.
14.2	Cecil Fielder, Det.
15.6	Danny Tartabull, K.C.
16.2	Mickey Tettleton, Det.
17.2	Jack Clark, Bos.
17.5	Frank Thomas, Chi.
17.9	Rob Deer, Det.
18.4	Chili Davis, Minn.
19.1	Cal Ripken, Balt.
19.3	Joe Carter, Tor.

RBI RATIO
(At Bats per RBI)

4.7	Jose Canseco, Oak.
4.7	Cecil Fielder, Det.
4.8	Danny Tartabull, K.C.
5.1	Frank Thomas, Chi.
5.2	Kent Hrbek, Minn.
5.3	Juan Gonzalez, Texas
5.4	Harold Baines, Oak.
5.5	Ken Griffey Jr., Sea.
5.5	Jack Clark, Bos.
5.5	Greg Vaughn, Mil.

PITCHING LEADERS

WINS

20	Scott Erickson, Minn.
20	Bill Gullickson, Det.
19	Mark Langston, Cal.
18	Jim Abbott, Cal.
18	Roger Clemens, Bos.
18	Chuck Finley, Cal.
18	Jack Morris, Minn.
17	Jack McDowell, Chi.
17	Mike Moore, Oak.
Three tied with 16	

WINNING PCT.

.750	Joe Hesketh, Bos.
.714	Scott Erickson, Minn.
.704	Mark Langston, Cal.
.690	Bill Gullickson, Det.
.682	Bill Wegman, Mil.
.680	Mike Moore, Oak.
.667	Chuck Finley, Cal.
.667	Nolan Ryan, Texas
.652	Todd Stottlemyre, Tor.
.650	Jose Guzman, Texas

EARNED-RUN AVG.

2.62	Roger Clemens, Bos.
2.65	Tom Candiotti, Clev.-Tor.
2.84	Bill Wegman, Mil.
2.89	Jim Abbott, Cal.
2.91	Nolan Ryan, Texas
2.96	Mike Moore, Oak.
2.99	Kevin Tapani, Minn.
3.00	Mark Langston, Cal.
3.05	Jimmy Key, Tor.
3.07	Bret Saberhagen, K.C.

GAMES STARTED

35	Roger Clemens, Bos.
35	Bill Gullickson, Det.
35	Jack McDowell, Chi.
35	Jack Morris, Minn.
35	Dave Stewart, Oak.
35	Bob Welch, Oak.
Eight tied with 34	

COMPLETE GAMES

15	Jack McDowell, Chi.
13	Roger Clemens, Bos.
10	Jack Morris, Minn.
10	Jaime Navarro, Mil.
8	Walt Terrell, Det.
7	Mark Langston, Cal.
7	Bret Saberhagen, K.C.
7	Greg Swindell, Clev.
7	Bill Wegman, Mil.
7	Bob Welch, Oak.

SHUTOUTS

4	Roger Clemens, Bos.
3	Kevin Appier, K.C.
3	Scott Erickson, Minn.
3	Brian Holman, Sea.
3	Jack McDowell, Chi.
Ten tied with 2	

INNINGS PITCHED

271.1	Roger Clemens, Bos.
253.2	Jack McDowell, Chi.
246.2	Jack Morris, Minn.
246.1	Mark Langston, Cal.
244.0	Kevin Tapani, Minn.
243.0	Jim Abbott, Cal.
238.0	Tom Candiotti, Clev.-Tor.
238.0	Greg Swindell, Clev.
234.0	Jaime Navarro, Mil.
227.1	Chuck Finley, Cal.

HITS ALLOWED

257	Walt Terrell, Det.
256	Bill Gullickson, Det.
245	Dave Stewart, Oak.
241	Greg Swindell, Clev.
237	Jaime Navarro, Mil.
233	Kevin Brown, Texas
228	Charles Nagy, Clev.
226	Jack Morris, Minn.
225	Kevin Tapani, Minn.
222	Jim Abbott, Cal.

FEWEST HITS (9 INN.)

5.31	Nolan Ryan, Texas
6.75	Randy Johnson, Sea.
6.94	Mark Langston, Cal.
7.26	Roger Clemens, Bos.
7.52	Jack McDowell, Chi.
7.54	Charlie Hough, Chi.
7.54	Mike Moore, Oak.
7.56	Bret Saberhagen, K.C.
7.64	Tom Candiotti, Clev.-Tor.
7.97	Todd Stottlemyre, Tor.

WALKS

152	Randy Johnson, Sea.
105	Mike Moore, Oak.
105	Dave Stewart, Oak.
101	Chuck Finley, Cal.
96	Mark Langston, Cal.
94	Charlie Hough, Chi.
92	Jack Morris, Minn.
91	Bob Welch, Oak.
90	Kevin Brown, Texas
88	Alex Fernandez, Chi.

FEWEST WALKS (9 INN.)

1.2	Greg Swindell, Clev.
1.3	Scott Sanderson, N.Y.
1.5	Kevin Tapani, Minn.
1.7	Bill Gullickson, Det.
1.9	Jimmy Key, Tor.
1.9	Bill Wegman, Mil.
2.1	Bret Saberhagen, K.C.
2.2	Roger Clemens, Bos.
2.2	David Wells, Tor.
2.6	Chris Bosio, Mil.

STRIKEOUTS

241	Roger Clemens, Bos.
228	Randy Johnson, Sea.
203	Nolan Ryan, Texas
191	Jack McDowell, Chi.
183	Mark Langston, Cal.
171	Chuck Finley, Cal.
169	Greg Swindell, Clev.
167	Tom Gordon, K.C.
167	Tom Candiotti, Clev.-Tor.
163	Jack Morris, Minn.

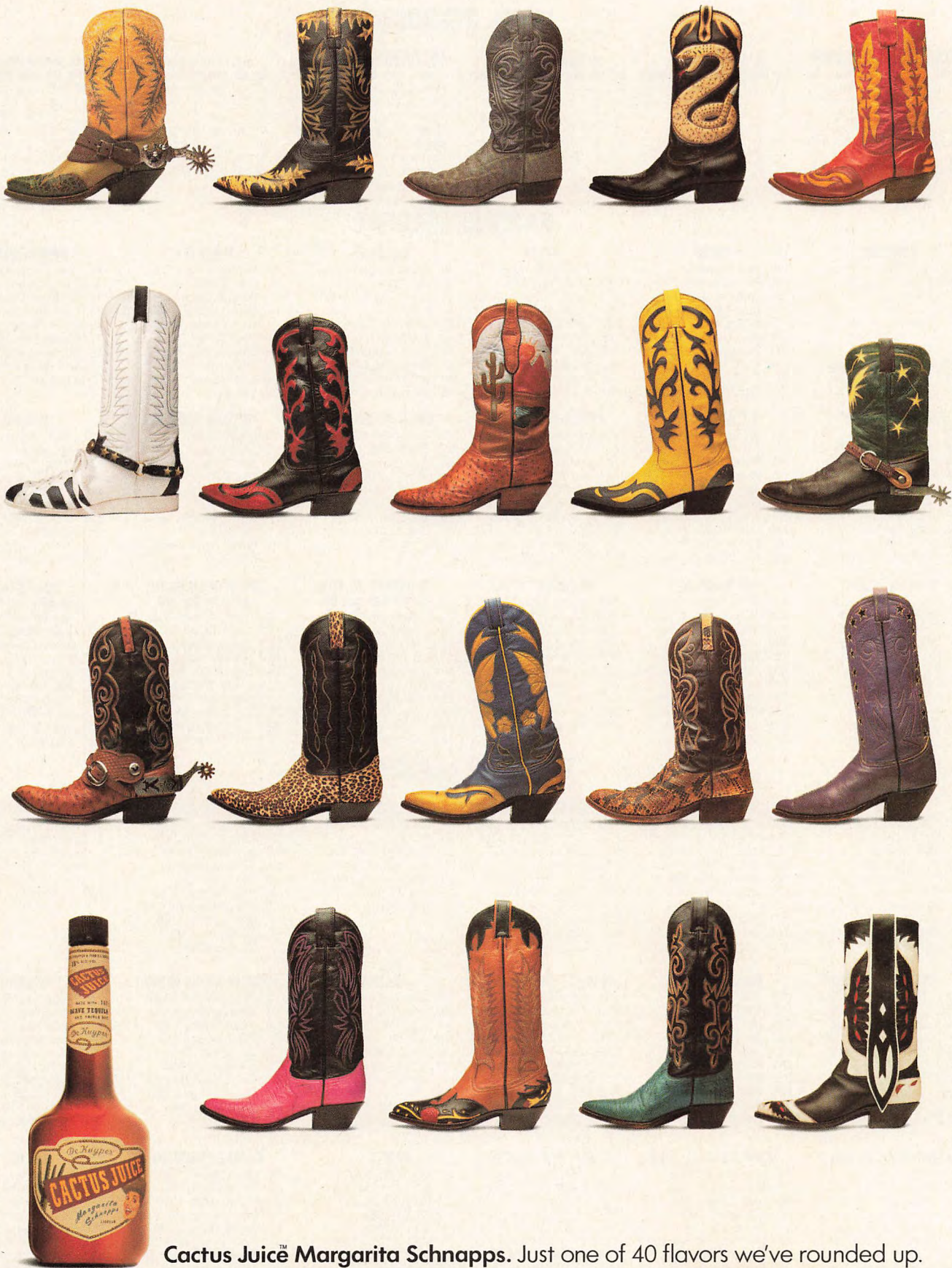
STRIKEOUTS (9 INN.)

10.6	Nolan Ryan, Texas
10.2	Randy Johnson, Sea.
8.0	Roger Clemens, Bos.
7.4	Erik Hanson, Sea.
6.8	Kevin Appier, K.C.
6.8	Alex Fernandez, Chi.
6.8	Chuck Finley, Cal.
6.8	Jack McDowell, Chi.
6.7	Mark Langston, Cal.
6.6	Jose Guzman, Texas

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CLUB BATTING

Club	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SF	BB	SO	SB	CS	LOB	ShO	Sig. Pct.	OB Pct.
Minnesota	.280	162	5556	776	1557	2331	270	42	140	733	49	526	747	107	68	1137	8	.420	.344
Milwaukee	.271	162	5611	799	1523	2224	247	53	116	750	66	556	802	106	68	1122	11	.396	.336
Texas	.270	162	5703	829	1539	2420	288	31	177	774	41	596	1039	102	50	1187	9	.424	.341
Boston	.269	162	5530	731	1486	2219	305	25	126	691	51	593	820	59	39	1216	12	.401	.340
Kansas City	.264	162	5584	727	1475	2198	290	41	117	689	47	523	969	119	68	1117	9	.394	.328
Chicago	.262	162	5594	758	1464	2185	226	39	139	722	41	610	896	134	74	1183	12	.391	.336
Toronto	.257	162	5489	684	1412	2196	295	45	133	649	65	499	1043	148	53	1134	9	.400	.322
New York	.256	162	5541	674	1418	2146	249	19	147	630	50	473	861	109	36	1101	10	.387	.316
California	.255	162	5470	653	1396	2044	245	29	115	607	31	448	928	94	56	1073	15	.374	.314
Seattle	.255	162	5494	702	1400	2104	268	29	126	665	62	588	811	97	44	1150	10	.383	.328
Cleveland	.254	162	5470	576	1390	1915	236	26	79	546	46	449	888	84	58	1106	18	.350	.313
Baltimore	.254	162	5604	686	1421	2245	256	29	170	660	45	528	974	50	33	1162	6	.401	.319
Oakland	.248	162	5410	760	1342	2103	246	19	159	716	49	642	981	151	64	1105	14	.389	.331
Detroit	.247	162	5547	817	1372	2310	259	26	209	778	44	699	1185	109	47	1194	7	.416	.333

INDIVIDUAL BATTING

* Bats left-handed # Switch-hitter

70 or more games—pitchers not listed

LIFETIME STATISTICS INCLUDED

Player, Club	Yrs.	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HB	BB	IBB	SO	SB	CS	GI DP	Sig. Pct.	OB Pct.
Aldrete, Mike, Clev.*	6	.262	85	183	22	48	59	6	1	1	19	1	2	0	36	1	37	1	2	0	.322	.380
		.271	618	1457	179	391	530	72	8	17	176						16					
Alomar, Roberto, Tor.#	4	.295	161	637	88	188	278	41	11	9	69	16	5	4	57	3	86	53	11	5	.436	.354
		.286	609	2391	334	685	943	119	23	31	226						143					
Anderson, Brady, Balt.*	4	.230	113	256	40	59	83	12	3	2	27	11	3	5	38	0	44	12	5	1	.324	.338
		.219	390	1081	139	237	331	42	11	10	88						53					
Baerga, Carlos, Clev.#	2	.288	158	593	80	171	236	28	2	11	69	4	3	6	48	5	74	3	2	12	.398	.346
		.278	266	905	126	252	359	45	4	18	116						3					
Baines, Harold, Oak.*	12	.295	141	488	76	144	231	25	1	20	90	0	5	1	72	22	67	0	1	12	.473	.383
		.289	1704	6266	807	1809	2892	316	46	225	990						29					
Barfield, Jesse, N.Y.	11	.225	84	284	37	64	127	12	0	17	48	0	1	0	36	6	80	1	0	11	.447	.312
		.259	1398	4664	707	1206	2197	214	30	239	709						65					
Barnes, Skeeter, Det.	6	.289	75	159	28	46	78	13	2	5	17	2	1	0	9	1	24	10	7	1	.491	.325
		.235	150	268	40	63	105	14	2	8	27						12					
Bell, Juan, Balt.#	3	.172	100	209	26	36	52	9	2	1	15	4	2	0	8	0	51	0	0	1	.249	.201
		.167	113	215	29	36	52	9	2	1	15						1					
Belle, Albert, Clev.	3	.282	123	461	60	130	249	31	2	28	95	0	5	5	25	2	99	3	1	24	.540	.323
		.261	194	702	83	183	342	39	6	36	135						5					
Benzinger, Todd, K.C.#	5	.294	78	293	29	86	113	15	3	2	40	1	1	3	17	2	46	2	6	5	.386	.338
		.255	601	2048	233	523	784	99	12	46	286						17					
Bergman, Dave, Det.*	16	.237	86	194	23	46	79	10	1	7	29	0	2	0	35	2	40	1	1	2	.407	.351
		.259	1262	2498	295	648	936	97	16	53	279						18					
Bichette, Dante, Mil.	4	.238	134	445	53	106	175	18	3	15	59	1	6	1	22	4	107	14	8	9	.393	.272
		.241	312	978	107	236	385	42	4	33	135						22					
Blankenship, Lance, Oak.	4	.249	90	185	33	46	63	8	0	3	21	2	3	3	23	0	42	12	3	2	.341	.336
		.225	244	449	74	101	131	16	1	4	35						20					
Boggs, Wade, Bos.*	10	.332	144	546	93	181	251	42	2	8	51	0	6	0	89	25	32	1	2	16	.460	.421
		.345	1482	5699	1005	1965	2688	400	43	78	637						15					
Borders, Pat, Tor.	4	.244	105	291	22	71	103	17	0	5	36	6	3	1	11	1	45	0	0	8	.354	.271
		.266	380	1032	95	274	428	58	6	28	135						2					
Bordick, Mike, Oak.	2	.238	90	235	21	56	63	5	1	0	21	12	1	3	14	0	37	3	4	3	.268	.289
		.229	115	249	21	57	64	5	1	0	21						3					
Bradley, Scott, Sea.*	8	.203	83	172	10	35	42	7	0	0	11	5	2	0	19	2	19	0	0	2	.244	.280
		.257	597	1642	148	422	563	75	6	18	183						3					
Brett, George, K.C.*	19	.255	131	505	77	129	203	40	2	10	61	1	8	0	58	10	75	2	0	20	.402	.327
		.308	2410	9197	1459	2836	4566	599	129	291	1459						186					
Briley, Greg, Sea.*	4	.260	139	381	39	99	128	17	3	2	26	1	3	0	27	0	51	23	11	7	.336	.307
		.258	392	1148	137	296	436	59	9	21	111						50					
Browne, Jerry, Clev.#	6	.228	107	290	28	66	78	5	2	1	29	12	4	1	27	0	29	2	4	5	.269	.292
		.269	617	2093	298	564	733	89	19	14	182						62					
Brunansky, Tom, Bos.	11	.229	142	459	54	105	179	24	1	16	70	0	8	3	49	2	72	1	2	8	.390	.303
		.247	1518	5402	713	1332	2360	256	26	240	782						64					
Buechele, Steve, Texas	7	.267	121	416	58	111	186	17	2	18	66	10	2	5	39	4	69	0	4	11	.447	.335
		.241	911	2813	353	679	1121	120	14	98	357						14					
Buhner, Jay, Sea.	5	.244	137	406	64	99	202	14	4	27	77	2	4	6	53	5	117	0	1	10	.498	.337
		.247	338	1056	143	261	497	56	6	56	182						4					
Burks, Ellis, Bos.	5	.251	130	474	56	119	200	33	3	14	56	2	3	6	39	2	81	6	11	7	.422	.314
		.283	656	2559	405	725	1180	152	24	85	357						88					
Bush, Randy, Minn.*	10	.303	93	165	21	50	80	10	1	6	23	0	0	3	24	3	25	0	2	5	.485	.401
		.254	1084	2818	373	717	1193	144	25	94	384						32					
Canseco, Jose, Oak.	7	.266	154	572	115	152	318	32	1	44	122	0	6	9	78	8	152	26	6	16	.556	.359
		.270	853	3216	540	867	1666	156	8	209	647						122					
Carter, Joe, Tor.	9	.273	162	638	89	174	321	42	3	33	108	0	9	10	49	12	112	20	9	6	.503	.330
		.263	1186	4579	630	1206	2118	234	27	208	754						169					
Clark, Jack, Bos.	17	.249	140	481	75	120	224	18	1	28	87	0	5	3	96	3	133	0	2	17	.466	.374
		.269	1913	6590	1086	1772	3176	321	39	335	1147						76					

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Cole, Alex, Clev.*	2	.295	122	387	58	114	137	17	3	0	21	4	2	1	58	2	47	27	17	8	.354	.386
		.296	185	614	101	182	218	22	7	0	34						67					
Cora, Joey, Chi.#	4	.241	100	228	37	55	63	2	3	0	18	8	3	5	20	0	21	11	6	1	.276	.313
		.247	240	588	77	145	168	13	5	0	34						35					
Cuyler, Milt, Det.#	2	.257	154	475	77	122	160	15	7	3	33	12	2	5	52	0	92	41	10	4	.337	.335
		.257	173	526	85	135	178	18	8	3	41						42					
Davis, Alvin, Sea.*	8	.221	145	462	39	102	155	15	1	12	69	0	10	0	56	9	78	0	3	8	.335	.299
		.281	1166	4136	563	1163	1875	212	10	160	667						7					
Davis, Chili, Minn.#	11	.277	153	534	84	148	271	34	1	29	93	0	4	1	95	13	117	5	6	9	.507	.385
		.268	1452	5254	736	1410	2265	248	26	185	752						113					
Deer, Rob, Det.	8	.179	134	448	64	80	173	14	2	25	64	0	2	0	89	1	175	1	3	3	.386	.314
		.218	892	2972	437	649	1298	108	11	173	472						34					
Devereaux, Mike, Balt.	5	.260	149	608	82	158	262	27	10	19	59	7	4	2	47	2	115	16	9	13	.431	.313
		.251	428	1463	196	367	575	63	14	39	160						54					
Diaz, Mario, Texas	5	.264	96	182	24	48	58	7	0	1	22	4	1	0	15	0	18	0	1	5	.319	.318
		.241	203	373	43	90	123	13	1	2	42						0					
Downing, Brian, Texas	19	.278	123	407	76	113	185	17	2	17	49	1	2	8	58	7	70	1	1	7	.455	.377
		.267	2237	7533	1135	2010	3203	342	28	265	1034						49					
Eisenreich, Jim, K.C.*	8	.301	135	375	47	113	147	22	3	2	47	3	6	1	20	1	35	5	3	10	.392	.333
		.279	585	1791	220	499	716	108	20	23	209						56					
Espinoza, Alvaro, N.Y.	7	.256	148	480	51	123	165	23	2	5	33	9	2	2	16	0	57	4	1	10	.344	.282
		.254	516	1523	142	387	479	61	5	7	104						8					
Evans, Dwight, Balt.	20	.270	101	270	35	73	102	9	1	6	38	1	2	2	54	2	54	2	3	7	.378	.393
		.272	2606	8996	1470	2446	4230	483	73	385	1384						78					
Fermin, Felix, Clev.	5	.262	129	424	30	111	128	13	2	0	31	13	3	3	26	0	27	5	4	17	.302	.307
		.253	499	1477	142	373	425	35	7	1	98						17					
Fielder, Cecil, Det.	6	.261	162	624	102	163	320	25	0	44	133	0	4	6	78	12	151	0	0	17	.513	.347
		.261	541	1703	273	445	898	69	3	126	349						0					
Fisk, Carlton, Chi.	22	.241	134	460	42	111	190	25	0	18	74	0	2	7	32	4	86	1	2	19	.413	.299
		.270	2412	8515	1262	2303	3928	417	46	372	1305						125					
Fletcher, Scott, Chi.	11	.206	90	248	14	51	66	10	1	1	28	6	3	3	17	0	26	0	2	3	.266	.262
		.261	1238	4025	504	1049	1346	175	28	22	386						57					
Franco, Julio, Texas	10	.341	146	589	108	201	279	27	3	15	78	0	2	3	65	8	78	36	9	13	.474	.408
		.302	1367	5309	788	1605	2179	242	40	84	671						219					
Fryman, Travis, Det.	2	.259	149	557	65	144	249	36	3	21	91	6	6	3	40	0	149	12	5	13	.447	.309
		.270	215	789	97	213	358	47	4	30	118						15					
Gaetti, Gary, Cal.	11	.246	152	586	58	144	222	22	1	18	66	2	5	8	33	3	104	5	5	13	.379	.293
		.255	1513	5575	704	1420	2403	274	26	219	824						79					
Gagne, Greg, Minn.	9	.265	139	408	52	108	161	23	3	8	42	5	5	3	26	0	72	11	9	15	.395	.310
		.250	994	2947	399	736	1152	160	35	62	296						73					
Gallagher, Dave, Cal.	5	.293	90	270	32	79	99	17	0	1	30	10	0	2	24	0	43	2	4	6	.367	.355
		.275	435	1380	179	380	474	59	7	7	115						15					
Gallego, Mike, Oak.	7	.247	159	482	67	119	178	15	4	12	49	10	3	5	67	3	84	6	9	8	.369	.343
		.232	729	1743	219	404	554	63	9	23	160						21					
Gantner, Jim, Mil.*	16	.283	140	526	63	149	190	27	4	2	47	7	4	3	27	5	34	4	6	13	.361	.320
		.275	1700	5933	704	1633	2095	250	37	46	550						131					
Gibson, Kirk, K.C.*	13	.236	132	462	81	109	186	17	6	16	55	1	2	6	69	3	103	18	4	9	.403	.341
		.269	1335	4782	809	1287	2212	213	44	208	696						253					
Gladden, Dan, Minn.	9	.247	126	461	65	114	164	14	9	6	52	5	4	5	36	1	60	15	9	13	.356	.306
		.272	993	3728	554	1014	1417	167	37	54	347						210					
Gomez, Leo, Balt.	2	.233	118	391	40	91	160	17	2	16	45	5	7	2	40	0	82	1	1	11	.409	.302
		.233	130	430	43	100	169	17	2	16	46						1					
Gonzales, Rene, Tor.	7	.195	71	118	16	23	29	3	0	1	6	6	1	4	12	0	22	0	0	5	.246	.289
		.214	378	740	78	158	199	19	2	6	53						9					
Gonzalez, Juan, Texas	3	.264	142	545	78	144	261	34	1	27	102	0	3	5	42	7	118	4	4	10	.479	.321
		.258	191	695	95	179	323	44	2	32	121						4					
Grebeck, Craig, Chi.	2	.281	107	224	37	63	103	16	3	6	31	4	1	1	38	0	40	1	3	3	.460	.386
		.242	166	343	44	83	131	19	4	7	40						1					
Greenwell, Mike, Bos.*	7	.300	147	544	76	163	228	26	6	9	83	1	7	3	43	6	35	15	5	11	.419	.350
		.311	782	2800	402	870	1333	165	26	82	471						58					
Griffey Jr., Ken, Sea.*	3	.327	154	548	76	179	289	42	1	22	100	4	9	1	71	21	82	18	6	10	.527	.399
		.299	436	1600	228	478	767	93	8	60	241						50					
Gruber, Kelly, Tor.	8	.252	113	429	58	108	190	18	2	20	65	3	5	6	31	5	70	12	7	7	.443	.308
		.264	801	2648	379	698	1178	129	21	103	391						73					
Guillen, Ozzie, Chi.*	7	.273	154	524	52	143	178	20	3	3	49	13	7	0	11	1	38	21	15	7	.340	.284
		.267	1083	3801	427	1013	1266	139	42	10	331						135					
Hall, Mel, N.Y.*	11	.285	141	492	67	140	224	23	2	19	80	0	6	3	26	6	40	0	1	6	.455	.321
		.277	1099	3629	498	1005	1599	193	22	119	534						27					
Hamilton, Darryl, Mil.*	3	.311	122	405	64	126	156	15	6	1	57	7	3	0	33	2	38	16	6	10	.385	.361
		.288	255	664	105	191	236	24	6	3	86						33					
Harper, Brian, Minn.	12	.311	123	441	54	137	197	28	1	10	69	2	6	6	14	3	22	1	2	14	.447	.336
		.292	648	1861	206	543	789	120	6	38	250						7					
Henderson, Dave, Oak.	11	.276	150	572	86	158	266	33	0	25	85	1	2	4	58	3	113	6	6	9	.465	.346
		.263	1355	4487	645	1182	1982	252	16	172	622						48					
Henderson, Rickey, Oak.		.268	134	470	105	126	199	17	1	18	57	0	3	7	98	7	73	58	18	7	.423	.400

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Hill, Donnie, Cal.#	13	.291	1742	6483	1395	1888	2853	311	51	184	679							994				
Hill, Glenallen, Tor.-Clev.	8	.239	77	209	36	50	63	8	1	1	20	3	0	0	30	1	21	1	0	1	.301	.335
Hoiles, Chris, Balt.	3	.257	731	2256	269	579	773	88	14	26	226							21				
Horn, Sam, Balt.*	3	.248	175	533	80	132	224	19	5	21	64	0	1	1	29	1	61	0	2	11	.384	.304
Howard, David, K.C.#	3	.243	107	341	36	83	131	15	0	11	31	0	1	3	41	4	99	0	0	10	.502	.326
Hrbek, Kent, Minn.*	5	.234	303	836	111	196	393	38	0	53	152							0				
Huff, Mike, Clev.-Chi.	1	.216	94	236	20	51	61	7	0	1	17	9	2	1	16	0	45	3	2	1	.258	.267
Hulett, Tim, Balt.	11	.232	136	413	43	96	151	19	0	12	38	3	2	0	67	4	48	4	4	15	.461	.373
Huson, Jeff, Texas*	2	.284	132	462	72	131	213	20	1	20	89	6	2	6	37	2	48	14	4	7	.346	.361
Incaviglia, Pete, Det.	8	.251	102	243	42	61	84	10	2	3	25	1	0	1	13	0	49	0	1	3	.350	.255
Jacoby, Brook, Clev.-Oak.	4	.246	114	268	46	66	93	11	2	4	27							14				
James, Chris, Clev.	6	.204	79	206	29	42	72	9	0	7	18	2	2	4	18	2	61	3	4	9	.318	.273
Johnson, Lance, Chi.*	10	.238	115	437	31	104	139	16	2	5	41	6	3	1	26	2	58	26	11	14	.342	.304
Jones, Tracy, Sea.	6	.262	668	2417	258	634	977	112	15	67	301							22				
Joyner, Wally, Cal.*	5	.274	159	588	72	161	201	14	13	0	49	2	5	5	45	2	77	32	9	14	.444	.333
Karkovice, Ron, Chi.	6	.271	426	1492	191	405	506	46	26	1	129							80				
Kelly, Pat, N.Y.	6	.251	79	175	30	44	63	8	1	3	24	1	2	1	18	2	22	2	0	8	.360	.321
Kelly, Roberto, N.Y.	6	.273	493	1303	173	356	505	56	6	27	164	2	5	1	52	4	66	62	2	0	.488	.360
Knoblauch, Chuck, Minn.	6	.301	143	551	79	166	269	34	3	21	96							28				
Larkin, Gene, Minn.#	6	.288	846	3208	455	925	1459	170	11	114	518	9	1	1	15	1	42	0	0	2	.413	.310
Law, Vance, Oak.	6	.246	75	167	25	41	69	13	0	5	22	2	2	5	15	0	52	12	1	5	.339	.288
Lee, Manuel, Tor.#	1	.222	336	829	106	184	300	43	2	23	95							10				
Leius, Scott, Minn.	5	.242	96	298	35	72	101	12	4	3	23	2	5	5	45	2	77	32	9	14	.444	.333
Lewis, Mark, Clev.	1	.242	96	298	35	72	101	12	4	3	23							12				
Lyons, Steve, Bos.*	7	.267	126	486	68	130	216	22	2	20	69	2	5	5	45	2	77	32	9	14	.444	.333
Maas, Kevin, N.Y.*	2	.281	486	1697	239	479	716	79	10	46	192							123				
Macfarlane, Mike, K.C.	1	.281	151	565	78	159	198	24	6	1	50	1	5	4	59	0	40	25	5	8	.350	.351
Mack, Shane, Minn.	5	.286	98	255	34	73	95	14	1	2	19	3	2	1	30	3	21	2	3	9	.373	.361
Maldonado, Candy, Mil.-Tor.	11	.270	587	1840	220	497	698	106	10	25	205							16				
Martinez, Carlos, Clev.	4	.209	74	134	11	28	37	7	1	0	9	5	0	0	18	0	27	0	0	4	.276	.303
Martinez, Edgar, Sea.	7	.256	1212	3802	453	972	1430	193	26	71	442							34				
Mattingly, Don, N.Y.*	2	.234	138	445	41	104	128	18	3	0	29	10	4	2	24	0	107	7	2	11	.288	.274
Mayne, Brent, K.C.*	2	.252	625	1756	182	443	571	57	16	13	160							20				
McGwire, Mark, Oak.	6	.286	109	199	35	57	83	7	2	5	20	5	1	0	30	1	35	5	5	4	.417	.378
McRae, Brian, K.C.#	1	.281	123	224	39	63	93	8	2	6	24	2	5	0	15	0	45	2	2	12	.318	.293
Melvin, Bob, Balt.	7	.241	87	212	15	51	75	10	1	4	17	3	1	0	11	2	35	10	3	1	.354	.277
Merullo, Matt, Chi.*	10	.255	777	2084	255	531	717	99	15	19	192							40				
Meulens, Hensley, N.Y.	3	.220	148	500	69	110	195	14	1	23	63	0	5	4	83	3	128	5	1	4	.390	.333
Milwaukee, Mike, K.C.	5	.231	227	754	111	174	331	23	1	44	104							6				
Mitchell, Mike, K.C.	5	.277	84	267	34	74	135	18	2	13	41	1	4	6	17	0	52	1	0	4	.506	.330
Morgan, Mike, K.C.	5	.257	355	1054	109	271	422	64	6	25	147							2				
Murphy, Mike, K.C.	5	.310	143	442	79	137	234	27	8	18	74	2	5	6	34	1	79	13	9	11	.529	.363
Nelson, Mike, K.C.	4	.292	429	1112	170	325	496	51	15	30	155							35				
Ortiz, Mike, K.C.	11	.250	86	288	37	72	123	15	0	12	48	0	3	6	36	4	76	4	0	8	.427	.342
Perez, Mike, K.C.	11	.255	1059	3114	373	795	1305	174	12	104	475							30				
Reynolds, Mike, K.C.	4	.284	72	257	22	73	102	14	0	5	30	1	5	2	10	2	43	3	2	10	.397	.310
Rodriguez, Mike, K.C.	4	.266	290	934	89	248	343	43	5	14	86							7				
Schultz, Mike, K.C.	5	.307	150	544	98	167	246	35	1	14	52	2	4	8	84	9	72	0	3	19	.452	.405
Shaw, Mike, K.C.	5	.298	386	1277	195	380	547	76	5	27	131							3				
Simmons, Mike, K.C.	10	.288	152	587	64	169	231	35	0	9	68	0	9	4	46	11	42	2	0	21	.394	.339
Smith, Mike, K.C.	10	.314	1269	5003	719	1570	2457	323	15	178	827							11				
Spivey, Mike, K.C.	2	.251	85	231	22	58	75	8	0	3	31	2	3	0	23	4	42	2	4	6	.325	.315
Stewart, Mike, K.C.	2	.250	90	244	24	61	78	8	0	3	32							2				
Thompson, Mike, K.C.	6	.201	154	483	62	97	185	22	0	22	75	1	5	3	93	3	116	2	1	13	.383	.330
Tracy, Mike, K.C.	6	.244	777	2656	417	647	1297	106	5	178	504							6				
Upton, Mike, K.C.	2	.261	152	629	86	164	234	28	9	8	64	3	5	2	24	1	99	20	11	12	.372	.288
Vander Pyle, Mike, K.C.	2	.266	198	797	107	212	302	36	12	10	87							24				
Wade, Mike, K.C.	7	.250	79	228	11	57	70	10	0	1	23	1	5	0	11	2	46	0	0	5	.307	.279
Waller, Mike, K.C.	7	.232	563	1676	151	388	566	73	6	31	179							4				
Ward, Mike, K.C.	2	.229	80	140	8	32	48	1	0	5	21	1	4	0	9	1	18	0	0	1	.343	.268
Waters, Mike, K.C.	2	.226	111	221	13	50	70	2	0	6	29							0				
Wheeler, Mike, K.C.	2	.222	96	288	37	64	92	8	1	6	29	1	2	4	18	1	97	3	0	7	.319	.276
Wright, Mike, K.C.	3	.223	127	399	51	89	133	15	1	9	40							4				

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Milligan, Randy, Balt.	5	.263 .262	141 417	483 1293	57 187	127 339	196 573	17 65	2 8	16 51	70 183	0	2	2	84	4	108	0 16	5	23	.406	.373
Molitor, Paul, Mil.	14	.325 .302	158 1698	665 6911	133 1186	216 2086	325 3057	32 369	13 79	17 148	75 701	0	1	6	77	16	62	19 381	8	11	.489	.399
Moseby, Lloyd, Det.*	12	.262 .257	74 1588	260 5815	37 869	68 1494	103 2406	15 273	1 66	6 169	35 737	1	3	3	21	2	43	8 280	1	3	.396	.321
Mulliniks, Rance, Tor.*	15	.250 .272	97 1322	240 3567	27 444	60 971	80 1450	12 226	1 17	2 73	24 434	0	2	0	44	2	44	0 15	0	9	.333	.364
Myers, Greg, Tor.*	4	.262 .239	107 218	309 612	25 59	81 146	127 218	22 31	0 1	8 13	36 59	0	3	0	21	4	45	0 0	0	13	.411	.306
Newman, Al, Minn.#	7	.191 .227	118 738	246 1861	25 239	47 422	52 502	5 63	0 7	0 1	19 144	5	3	1	23	0	21	4 82	5	5	.211	.260
Newson, Warren, Chi.*	1	.295 .295	71 71	132 132	20 20	39 39	56 56	5 5	0 0	4 4	25 25	0	0	0	28	1	34	2 2	2	4	.424	.419
Nokes, Matt, N.Y.*	7	.268 .263	135 641	456 1995	52 227	122 524	214 889	20 74	0 3	24 95	77 303	0	7	5	25	5	49	3 7	2	6	.469	.308
O'Brien, Pete, Sea.*	10	.248 .265	152 1361	560 4831	58 584	139 1279	225 1995	29 232	3 20	17 148	88 657	3	9	1	44	7	61	0 22	1	14	.402	.300
Olerud, John, Tor.*	3	.256 .261	139 256	454 820	64 109	116 214	199 356	30 45	1 2	17 31	68 116	3	10	6	68	9	84	0 0	2	12	.438	.353
Orsulak, Joe, Balt.*	8	.278 .277	143 813	486 2544	57 339	135 704	174 968	22 113	1 26	5 33	43 226	0	3	4	28	1	45	6 77	2	9	.358	.321
Pagliarulo, Mike, Minn.*	8	.279 .236	121 1002	365 3185	38 370	102 753	140 1305	20 161	0 14	6 121	36 425	2	2	3	21	3	55	1 11	2	9	.384	.322
Palmeiro, Rafael, Texas*	6	.322 .302	159 727	631 2662	115 379	203 805	336 1229	49 167	3 19	26 73	88 336	2	7	6	68	10	72	4 26	3	17	.532	.389
Palmer, Dean, Texas	2	.187 .181	81 97	268 287	38 38	50 52	108 112	9 9	2 2	15 15	37 38	1	0	3	32	0	98	0 0	2	4	.403	.281
Parker, Dave, Cal.-Tor.*	19	.239 .290	132 2466	502 9358	47 1272	120 2712	183 4405	26 526	2 75	11 339	59 1493	0	3	3	33	3	98	3 154	3	9	.365	.288
Parrish, Lance, Cal.	15	.216 .254	119 1775	402 6468	38 803	87 1644	156 2879	12 277	0 26	19 304	51 998	0	3	5	35	2	117	0 25	1	7	.388	.285
Pasqua, Dan, Chi.*	7	.259 .251	134 723	417 2156	71 291	108 541	194 980	22 101	5 13	18 104	66 333	1	1	3	62	4	86	0 5	2	9	.465	.358
Pecota, Bill, K.C.	6	.286 .254	125 445	398 1084	53 167	114 275	159 401	23 52	2 10	6 18	45 101	7	0	2	41	6	45	16 41	7	12	.399	.356
Pena, Tony, Bos.	12	.231 .269	141 1491	464 5140	45 545	107 1382	149 1949	23 235	2 25	5 94	48 576	4	3	4	37	1	53	8 75	3	23	.321	.291
Petralli, Geno, Texas*	10	.271 .278	87 656	199 1549	21 157	54 431	70 581	8 66	1 9	2 22	20 161	7	1	0	21	1	25	2 6	1	4	.352	.339
Pettis, Gary, Texas#	10	.216 .237	137 1105	282 3470	37 541	61 823	78 1079	7 104	5 46	0 20	19 247	6	1	0	54	0	91	29 340	13	4	.277	.341
Phillips, Tony, Det.#	10	.284 .256	146 1133	564 3725	87 538	160 953	247 1353	28 158	4 34	17 58	72 113	3	6	3	79	5	95	10 386	5	8	.438	.371
Polonia, Luis, Cal.*	5	.296 .302	150 604	604 2163	92 343	179 653	229 845	28 79	8 37	2 13	50 207	2	3	1	52	4	74	48 144	23	11	.379	.352
Puckett, Kirby, Minn.	8	.319 .320	152 1222	611 5006	92 716	195 1602	281 2331	29 266	6 47	15 123	89 675	8	7	4	31	4	78	11 100	5	27	.460	.352
Quintana, Carlos, Bos.	4	.295 .285	149 337	478 1073	69 132	141 306	197 416	21 54	1 1	11 18	71 146	6	3	2	61	2	66	1 2	0	17	.412	.375
Quirk, Jamie, Oak.*	17	.261 .242	76 906	203 2089	16 180	53 505	60 733	4 93	0 6	1 41	17 236	3	0	2	16	1	28	0 5	3	7	.296	.321
Raines, Tim, Chi.#	13	.268 .298	155 1560	609 5914	102 1036	163 1761	210 2531	20 293	6 87	5 101	50 602	9	3	5	83	9	68	51 685	15	7	.345	.359
Randolph, Willie, Mil.	17	.327 .277	124 2112	431 7732	60 1210	141 2138	161 2727	14 305	3 64	0 52	54 672	3	3	0	75	3	38	4 269	2	14	.374	.424
Reed, Jody, Bos.	5	.283 .288	153 572	618 2108	87 297	175 607	236 814	42 153	2 6	5 14	60 187	11	3	4	60	2	53	6 16	5	15	.382	.349
Reimer, Kevin, Texas*	4	.269 .258	136 215	394 524	46 53	106 135	188 237	22 31	0 1	20 23	69 86	0	6	7	33	6	93	0 0	3	10	.477	.332
Reynolds, Harold, Sea.#	9	.254 .262	161 1015	631 3632	95 488	160 950	215 1265	34 177	6 45	3 14	57 262	14	6	5	72	2	63	28 213	8	11	.341	.332
Riles, Ernest, Oak.*	7	.214 .258	108 786	281 2300	30 289	60 594	91 843	8 83	4 20	5 42	32 260	4	4	1	31	3	42	3 18	2	8	.324	.290
Ripken, Bill, Balt.	5	.216 .247	104 556	287 1757	24 182	62 434	75 548	11 77	1 5	0 9	14 132	11	2	0	15	0	31	0 18	1	14	.261	.253
Ripken Jr., Cal, Balt.	11	.323 .279	162 1638	650 6305	99 970	210 1762	368 2945	46 340	5 33	34 259	114 942	0	9	5	53	15	46	6 28	1	19	.566	.374
Rivera, Luis, Bos.	6	.258 .236	129 536	414 1652	64 192	107 390	159 567	22 89	3 8	8 24	40 158	12	4	3	35	0	86	4 14	4	10	.384	.318
Rodriguez, Ivan, Texas	1	.264 .264	88 88	280 280	24 24	74 74	99 99	16 16	0 0	3 3	27 27	2	1	0	5	0	42	0 0	1	10	.354	.276
Sax, Steve, N.Y.	11	.304 .286	158 1562	652 6230	85 817	198 1781	270 2259	38 247	2 42	10 49	56 494	5	6	3	41	2	38	31 409	11	15	.414	.345

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Schaefer, Jeff, Sea.	3	.250 .228	84 154	164 281	19 32	41 64	53 79	7 10	1 1	1 1	11 17	6	0	0	5	0	25 8	3 8	1	7	.323	.272
Schofield, Dick, Cal.	9	.225 .232	134 1060	427 3395	44 400	96 788	111 1090	9 104	3 27	0 48	31 278	7	0	3	50	2	69 98	8 98	4	3	.260	.310
Segui, David, Balt.#	2	.278 .285	86 126	212 335	15 29	59 89	72 115	7 14	0 0	2 4	22 37	3	1	0	12	2	19 1	1 1	1	7	.340	.316
Seitzer, Kevin, K.C.	6	.265 .294	85 741	234 2749	28 408	62 809	82 1084	11 128	3 24	1 33	25 265	1	1	2	29	3	21 50	4 50	1	4	.350	.350
Shumpert, Terry, K.C.	2	.217 .228	144 176	369 460	45 52	80 105	119 152	16 22	4 5	5 5	34 42	10	3	5	30	0	75 20	17 20	11	10	.322	.283
Sierra, Ruben, Texas#	6	.307 .280	161 909	661 3543	110 505	203 993	332 1680	44 196	5 37	25 139	116 586	0	9	0	56	7	91 74	16 74	4	17	.502	.357
Skinner, Joel, Clev.	9	.243 .228	99 564	284 1441	23 119	69 329	86 448	14 62	0 3	1 17	24 136	4	2	1	14	1	67 3	0 3	2	8	.303	.279
Snyder, Cory, Chi.-Tor.	6	.175 .240	71 728	166 2597	14 312	29 624	44 1115	4 117	1 10	3 118	17 357	4	1	0	9	1	60 19	0 19	0	6	.265	.216
Sojo, Luis, Cal.	2	.258 .252	113 146	364 444	38 52	94 112	119 143	14 17	1 1	3 4	20 29	19	0	5	14	0	26 5	4 5	2	12	.327	.295
Sosa, Sammy, Chi.	3	.203 .228	116 327	316 1031	39 138	64 235	106 388	10 44	1 11	10 29	33 116	5	1	2	14	2	98 52	13 52	6	5	.335	.240
Spiers, Bill, Mil.*	3	.283 .261	133 359	414 1122	71 159	117 293	166 396	13 37	6 12	8 14	54 123	10	4	2	34	0	55 35	14 35	8	9	.401	.337
Stanley, Mike, Texas	6	.249 .251	95 452	181 987	25 114	45 248	69 347	13 43	1 4	3 16	25 120	5	1	2	34	0	44 6	0 6	0	2	.381	.372
Steinbach, Terry, Oak.	6	.274 .270	129 605	456 2046	50 230	125 553	176 810	31 94	1 8	6 49	67 277	0	9	7	22	4	70 7	2 7	2	15	.386	.312
Stillwell, Kurt, K.C.#	6	.265 .253	122 759	385 2487	44 304	102 630	139 896	17 126	1 25	6 30	51 268	5	4	1	33	5	56 28	3 28	4	8	.361	.322
Stubbs, Franklin, Mil.*	8	.213 .232	103 791	362 2187	48 273	77 507	130 895	16 87	2 11	11 93	38 287	0	5	2	35	3	71 63	13 63	4	4	.359	.282
Surhoff, B.J., Mil.*	5	.289 .271	143 658	505 2303	57 251	146 624	188 838	19 100	4 15	5 28	68 288	13	9	0	26	2	33 72	5 72	8	21	.372	.319
Sveum, Dale, Mil.#	5	.241 .243	90 511	266 1702	33 210	64 413	97 651	19 80	1 10	4 46	43 236	5	4	1	32	0	78 9	2 9	4	8	.365	.320
Tabler, Pat, Tor.	11	.216 .283	82 1153	185 3776	20 443	40 1067	50 1443	5 185	1 25	1 47	21 496	2	5	1	29	5	21 16	0 16	0	3	.270	.318
Tartabull, Danny, K.C.	8	.316 .287	132 823	484 2919	78 435	153 838	287 1500	35 174	3 16	31 152	100 535	0	5	3	65	6	121 33	6 33	3	9	.593	.397
Tettleton, Mickey, Det.#	8	.263 .242	154 775	501 2348	85 334	132 568	246 995	17 96	2 8	31 105	89 323	0	4	2	101	9	131 18	3 18	3	12	.491	.387
Thomas, Frank, Chi.	2	.318 .321	158 218	559 750	104 143	178 241	309 410	31 42	2 5	32 39	109 140	0	2	1	138	13	112 1	1 1	2	20	.553	.453
Thurman, Gary, K.C.	5	.277 .245	80 237	184 478	24 71	51 117	66 142	9 17	0 1	2 2	13 28	3	1	1	11	0	42 44	15 44	5	4	.359	.320
Trammell, Alan, Det.	15	.248 .286	101 1936	375 7077	57 1066	93 2022	140 2954	20 349	0 50	9 161	55 865	5	1	3	37	1	39 204	11 204	2	7	.373	.320
Valle, Dave, Sea.	8	.194 .228	132 587	324 1712	38 192	63 391	97 628	8 69	1 9	8 50	32 225	6	3	9	34	0	49 3	0 3	2	19	.299	.286
Vaughn, Greg, Mil.	3	.244 .237	145 303	542 1037	81 150	132 246	247 460	24 53	5 7	27 49	98 182	2	7	1	62	2	125 13	2 13	2	5	.456	.319
Vaughn, Mo, Bos.*	1	.260 .260	74 74	219 219	21 21	57 57	81 81	12 12	0 0	4 4	32 32	0	4	2	26	2	43 2	2 2	1	7	.370	.339
Velarde, Randy, N.Y.	5	.245 .232	80 264	184 650	19 71	45 151	61 227	11 27	1 5	1 13	15 58	5	0	3	18	0	43 4	3 4	1	6	.332	.322
Venable, Max, Cal.*	12	.246 .241	82 727	187 1397	24 176	46 337	67 482	8 57	2 17	3 18	21 128	4	2	2	11	2	30 64	2 64	1	5	.358	.292
Ventura, Robin, Chi.*	3	.284 .265	157 323	606 1144	92 145	172 303	268 436	25 45	1 2	23 28	100 161	8	7	4	80	3	67 3	2 3	4	22	.442	.367
Vizquel, Omar, Sea.#	3	.230 .230	142 366	426 1068	42 106	98 246	125 302	16 26	4 9	1 4	41 79	8	3	0	45	0	37 12	7 12	2	8	.293	.302
Whitaker, Lou, Det.*	15	.279 .274	138 1965	470 7163	94 1134	131 1962	230 2983	26 62	2 62	23 190	78 859	2	8	2	90	6	45 128	4 128	2	3	.489	.391
White, Devon, Tor.#	7	.282 .255	156 768	642 2873	110 447	181 732	292 1159	40 131	10 34	17 76	60 301	5	6	7	55	1	135 156	33 156	10	7	.455	.342
Whiten, Mark, Tor.-Clev.#	2	.243 .248	116 149	407 495	46 58	99 123	158 191	18 19	7 8	9 11	45 52	0	5	3	30	2	85 6	4 6	3	13	.388	.297
Williams, Bernie, N.Y.#	1	.238 .238	85 85	320 320	43 43	76 76	112 112	19 19	4 4	3 3	34 34	2	3	1	48	0	57 10	10 10	5	4	.350	.336
Wilson, Mookie, Tor.#	12	.241 .274	86 1403	241 5094	26 731	58 1397	84 1967	12 227	4 71	2 67	28 438	2	2	5	8	0	35 327	11 327	3	4	.349	.277
Wilson, Willie, Oak.#	16	.238 .287	113 1900	294 7093	38 1098	70 2038	92 2687	14 255	4 137	0 40	28 537	1	1	4	18	1	43 632	20 632	5	11	.313	.290
Winfield, Dave, Cal.	19	.262 .285	150 2551	568 9464	75 1459	149 2697	268 4535	27 460	4 80	28 406	86 1602	2	6	1	56	4	109 216	7 216	2	21	.472	.326
Yount, Robin, Mil.	18	.260 .288	130 2579	503 9997	66 1499	131 2878	189 4341	20 518	4 120	10 235	77 1278	1	9	4	54	8	79 247	6 247	4	13	.376	.332

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Club	ERA	G	CG	ShO	Rel.	Sv.	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WP	Bk.	Opp. Avg.
Toronto	3.50	162	10	16	347	60	1462.2	1301	622	569	121	43	523	41	971	55	8	.238
California	3.69	162	18	10	310	50	1441.2	1351	649	591	141	38	543	29	990	49	11	.250
Minnesota	3.69	162	21	12	291	53	1449.1	1402	652	595	139	27	488	39	876	57	5	.255
Seattle	3.79	162	10	13	383	48	1464.1	1387	674	616	136	47	628	50	1003	82	7	.253
Chicago	3.79	162	28	8	338	40	1478.0	1302	681	622	154	31	601	25	923	44	6	.239
Kansas City	3.92	162	17	12	295	41	1466.0	1473	722	639	105	43	529	44	1004	47	5	.261
Boston	4.01	162	15	13	328	45	1439.2	1405	712	642	147	31	530	59	999	42	4	.257
Milwaukee	4.14	162	23	11	341	41	1463.2	1498	744	674	147	45	527	31	859	53	5	.266
Cleveland	4.23	162	22	8	289	33	1441.1	1551	759	678	110	39	441	61	862	48	6	.276
New York	4.42	162	3	11	377	37	1444.0	1510	777	709	152	42	506	29	936	53	14	.271
Texas	4.47	162	9	10	386	41	1479.0	1486	814	734	151	45	662	37	1022	77	12	.262
Detroit	4.51	162	18	8	326	38	1450.1	1570	794	726	148	24	593	88	739	50	5	.281
Oakland	4.57	162	14	10	397	49	1444.1	1425	776	734	155	55	655	30	892	60	7	.260
Baltimore	4.59	162	8	8	372	42	1457.2	1534	796	743	147	28	504	40	868	49	8	.273

INDIVIDUAL PITCHING

* Throws left-handed

30 or more innings

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Pitcher, Club	Yrs.	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	ShO	GF	Sv.	IP	H	BF	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WP	Bk.	Opp. Avg.	
Abbott, Jim, Cal.*	3	18	11	2.89	34	34	5	1	0	0	243.0	222	1002	85	78	14	5	73	6	158	1	4	.244	
		40	37	3.72	96				0	0	636.0	658		296	263			219		378				
Abbott, Paul, Minn.	2	3	1	4.75	15	3	0	0	1	0	47.1	38	210	27	25	5	0	36	1	43	5	0	.232	
		3	6	5.27	22				0	0	82.0	75		51	48			64		68				
Acker, Jim, Tor.	9	3	5	5.20	54	4	0	0	11	1	88.1	77	374	53	51	16	2	36	5	44	7	0	.238	
		33	49	3.92	450				30	873.2	873		428	381				317		471				
Aguilera, Rick, Minn.	7	4	5	2.35	63	0	0	0	60	42	69.0	44	275	20	18	3	1	30	6	61	3	0	.183	
		49	40	3.33	244				81	683.0	645		290	253				203		530				
Aldred, Scott, Det.*	2	2	4	5.18	11	11	1	0	0	0	57.1	58	253	37	33	9	0	30	2	35	3	1	.266	
		3	6	4.90	15				0	0	71.2	71		43	39			40		42				
Alexander, Gerald, Texas	2	5	3	5.24	30	9	0	0	4	0	89.1	93	402	56	52	11	3	48	7	50	3	1	.272	
		5	3	5.42	33				0	0	96.1	107		62	58			53		58				
Alvarez, Wilson, Chi.*	2	3	2	3.51	10	9	2	1	0	0	56.1	47	237	26	22	9	0	29	0	32	2	0	.230	
		3	3	3.99	11				0	0	56.1	50		29	25			31		32				
Anderson, Allan, Minn.*	6	5	11	4.96	29	22	2	0	4	0	134.1	148	584	82	74	24	5	42	4	51	3	0	.281	
		49	54	4.11	148				0	0	818.2	901		424	374			211		339				
Appier, Kevin, K.C.	3	13	10	3.42	34	31	6	3	1	0	207.2	205	881	97	79	13	2	61	3	158	7	1	.255	
		26	22	3.43	72				0	0	415.0	418		186	158			127		295				
Aquino, Luis, K.C.	5	8	4	3.44	38	18	1	1	9	3	157.0	152	661	67	60	10	4	47	5	80	1	0	.253	
		20	14	3.45	106				3	407.0	406		177	156				129		192				
August, Don, Mil.	4	9	8	5.47	28	23	1	1	3	0	138.1	166	613	87	84	18	3	47	2	62	5	0	.301	
		34	30	4.64	88				0	0	440.0	491		245	227			158		181				
Bailes, Scott, Cal.*	6	1	2	4.18	42	0	0	0	14	0	51.2	41	219	26	24	5	4	22	5	41	2	0	.218	
		34	43	4.76	241				13	578.2	620		347	306				207		282				
Ballard, Jeff, Balt.*	5	6	12	5.60	26	22	0	0	1	0	123.2	153	540	91	77	16	2	28	2	37	3	1	.302	
		36	51	4.63	144				0	0	695.1	812		408	358			204		217				
Bankhead, Scott, Sea.	6	3	6	4.90	17	9	0	0	2	0	60.2	73	271	35	33	8	2	21	2	28	0	0	.297	
		41	40	4.24	126				0	0	689.1	682		350	325			203		469				
Barfield, John, Texas*	3	4	4	4.54	28	9	0	0	4	1	83.1	96	361	51	42	11	0	22	3	27	0	2	.289	
		8	8	4.72	65				2	139.1	153		86	73				39		53				
Bedrosian, Steve, Minn.	11	5	3	4.42	56	0	0	0	22	6	77.1	70	332	42	38	11	3	35	6	44	2	0	.243	
		70	73	3.39	608				184	1067.0	911		444	402				474		823				
Blair, Willie, Clev.	2	2	3	6.75	11	5	0	0	1	0	36.0	58	168	27	27	7	1	10	0	13	1	0	.377	
		5	8	4.99	38				0	0	104.2	124		60	58			38		56				
Boddicker, Mike, K.C.	12	12	12	4.08	30	29	1	0	1	0	180.2	188	775	89	82	13	13	59	0	79	3	2	.272	
		130	107	3.70	303				0	0	1983.0	1913		907	815			669		1259				
Bohanon, Brian, Texas*	2	4	3	4.84	11	11	1	0	0	0	61.1	66	273	35	33	4	2	23	0	34	3	1	.274	
		4	6	5.48	22				0	0	95.1	106		65	58			41		49				
Bolton, Tom, Bos.*	5	8	9	5.24	25	19	0	0	4	0	110.0	136	499	72	64	16	1	51	2	64	3	0	.308	
		20	21	4.54	107				1	339.0	386		186	171				149		208				
Bosio, Chris, Mil.	6	14	10	3.25	32	32	5	1	0	0	204.2	187	840	80	74	15	8	58	0	117	5	0	.244	
		51	56	3.79	179				8	958.2	961		446	404				245		629				
Boucher, Denis, Tor.-Clev.*	1	1	7	6.05	12	12	0	0	0	0	58.0	74	270	41	39	12	2	24	1	29	1	4	.308	
		1	7	6.05	12				0	0	58.0	74		41	39			24		29				
Boyd, Dennis, Texas	10	2	7	6.68	12	12	0	0	0	0	62.0	81	277	47	46	12	0	17	1	33	0	1	.314	
		72	69	4.09	195				0	0	1269.1	1312		631	577			328		717				
Brown, Kevin, Texas	5	9	12	4.40	33	33	0	0	0	0	210.2	233	934	116	103	17	13	90	5	96	12	3	.284	
		35	32	3.82	92				0	0	610.0	614		298	259			228		304				
Brown, Kevin, Mil.*	2	2	4	5.51	15	10	0	0	0	0	63.2	66	285	39	39	6	1	34	2	30	6	0	.270	
		3	5	4.67	22				0	0	86.2	82		46	45			42		42				
Burba, Dave, Sea.	2	2	2	3.68	22	2	0	0	11	1	36.2	34	153	16	15	6	0	14	3	16	1	0	.245	
		2	2	3.83	28				1	44.2	42		22	19				16		20				
Cadaret, Greg, N.Y.*	5	8	6	3.62	68	5	0	0	17	3	121.2	110	517	52	49	8	2	59	6	105	3	1	.246	
		29	19	3.83	255				9	474.1	457		224	202				240		359				
Candiotti, Tom, Clev.-Tor.	8	13	13	2.65	34	34	6	0	0	0	238.0	202	981	82	70	12	6	73	1	167	11	0	.228	
		84	78	3.51	213				0	0	1404.2	1349		626	548			461		878				

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Cary, Chuck, N.Y.*	7	13	26	4.11	118					3	389.2	368	194	178				147		312			.285
Cerutti, John, Det.*	7	49	43	3.94	229	8	1	0	10	2	88.2	94	389	49	45	9	2	37	9	29	4	1	.276
Chitren, Scott, Oak.	2	2	4	3.58	64	0	0	0	20	4	60.1	59	271	31	29	8	4	32	4	47	2	1	.258
Clemens, Roger, Bos.	8	134	61	2.85	241	35	13	4	0	0	271.1	219	1077	93	79	15	5	65	12	241	6	0	.221
Crawford, Steve, K.C.	10	30	23	4.17	277				17	1	46.2	60	216	31	31	3	1	18	5	38	5	0	.311
Crim, Chuck, Mil.	5	33	31	3.47	332				42	529.2	545		231	204				151		251			.305
Darling, Ron, Oak.	9	97	71	3.50	252	12	0	0	0	0	1592.2	1441	700	620		7	2	38	2	60	3	1	.237
Darwin, Danny, Bos.	14	114	115	3.46	500	12	0	0	0	29	1981.1	1847	859	761		15	4	15	1	42	2	0	.263
Davis, Mark, K.C.*	11	48	75	3.90	498	5	0	0	8	1	62.2	55	276	36	31	6	1	39	0	47	1	0	.240
Davis, Storm, K.C.	10	102	81	4.01	316	9	1	1	22	2	114.1	140	515	69	63	11	1	46	9	53	1	0	.306
DeLucia, Rich, Sea.	2	13	15	4.58	37	31	0	0	0	0	182.0	176	779	107	103	31	4	78	4	98	10	0	.260
Drahman, Brian, Chi.	1	3	2	3.23	28	0	0	0	8	0	30.2	21	125	12	11	4	0	13	1	18	0	0	.193
Dressendorfer, Kirk, Oak.	1	3	3	5.45	7	7	0	0	0	0	34.2	33	159	28	21	5	0	21	0	17	3	0	.244
Eckersley, Dennis, Oak.	17	174	144	3.47	671				59	43	76.0	60	299	26	25	11	1	9	3	87	1	0	.208
Edens, Tom, Minn.	3	6	7	4.50	45	6	0	0	0	2	130.0	138	143	15	15	2	0	10	1	19	1	0	.256
Eichhorn, Mark, Cal.	7	34	31	3.01	377				23	1	81.2	63	311	21	18	2	2	13	1	49	0	0	.219
Eiland, Dave, N.Y.	4	5	9	5.16	32	13	0	0	4	0	72.2	87	317	51	43	10	3	23	1	18	0	0	.302
Erickson, Scott, Minn.	2	28	12	3.07	51	32	5	3	0	0	204.0	189	851	80	72	13	6	71	3	108	4	0	.248
Farr, Steve, N.Y.	8	42	40	3.22	380	0	0	0	48	23	70.0	57	285	19	17	4	5	20	3	60	2	0	.219
Fernandez, Alex, Chi.	2	14	18	4.29	47	32	2	0	1	0	191.2	186	827	100	96	16	2	88	2	145	4	1	.259
Fetters, Mike, Cal.	3	3	8	4.51	46	4	0	0	8	0	44.2	53	206	29	24	4	3	28	2	24	4	0	.305
Finley, Chuck, Cal.*	6	66	50	3.35	186	34	4	2	0	0	227.1	205	955	102	96	23	8	101	1	171	6	3	.244
Flanagan, Mike, Balt.*	17	167	143	3.84	484	1	0	0	24	3	98.1	84	391	27	26	6	3	25	6	55	2	2	.236
Fossas, Tony, Bos.*	4	7	7	4.12	153				18	1	57.0	49	244	27	22	3	3	28	9	29	2	0	.236
Frohwirth, Todd, Balt.	5	10	6	2.85	123	0	0	0	10	2	153.0	161	80	70				62		95			.190
Gakeler, Dan, Det.	7	1	4	5.74	31	7	0	0	11	2	73.2	73	331	52	47	5	1	39	6	43	7	0	.256
Garcia, Ramon, Chi.	1	4	4	5.40	16	15	0	0	0	0	78.1	79	332	50	47	13	2	31	2	40	0	2	.269
Gardiner, Mike, Bos.	2	9	10	4.85	22	22	0	0	0	0	130.0	140	562	79	70	18	0	47	2	91	1	0	.274
Gibson, Paul, Det.*	4	18	21	3.88	214				28	8	96.0	112	432	51	49	10	3	48	8	52	4	0	.297
Gleaton, Jerry Don, Det.*	11	14	23	4.24	284	0	0	0	16	2	75.1	74	319	37	34	7	0	39	8	47	1	1	.269
Gordon, Tom, K.C.	4	38	36	3.79	131	14	1	0	11	1	158.0	129	684	76	68	16	4	87	6	167	5	0	.221
Gossage, Rich, Texas	19	117	100	2.94	897				16	1	40.1	33	167	16	16	4	3	16	1	28	3	0	.228
Grahe, Jeff, Cal.	2	6	11	4.88	26	10	1	0	2	0	73.0	84	330	43	39	2	3	33	0	40	2	0	.288
Gray, Jeff, Bos.	3	2	3	2.34	50	0	0	0	20	1	61.2	39	231	17	16	7	1	10	4	41	2	0	.181
Gubicza, Mark, K.C.	8	97	86	3.76	241	26	0	0	0	0	133.0	168	601	90	84	10	6	42	1	89	5	0	.308
Guetterman, Lee, N.Y.*	7	31	26	4.03	287				37	6	88.0	91	376	42	36	6	3	25	5	35	4	0	.268
Gullickson, Bill, Det.	11	131	109	3.66	315	35	4	0	0	0	226.1	256	954	109	98	22	4	44	13	91	4	0	.288
Guthrie, Mark, Minn.*	3	16	18	4.11	78	12	0	0	13	2	98.0	116	432	52	47	11	1	41	2	72	7	0	.303
Guzman, Jose, Texas	5	50	51	3.97	126	25	5	1	0	0	169.2	152	730	67	58	10	4	84	1	125	8	1	.239

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Guzman, Juan, Tor.	1	10	3	2.99	23	23	1	0	0	0	138.2	98	574	53	46	6	4	66	0	123	10	0	.197
		10	3	2.99	23				0	0	138.2	98		53	46			66		123			
Habyan, Jim, N.Y.	6	13	12	3.72	114		0	0	16	2	90.0	73	349	28	23	2	2	20	2	70	1	2	.225
		4	2	2.30	66	0	0	0	16	2	90.0	73	349	28	23	2	2	20	2	70	1	2	.225
		6	13	3.72	114				3	3	258.2	242	125	107				84		158			
Hanson, Erik, Sea.	4	8	8	3.81	27	27	2	1	0	0	174.2	182	744	82	74	16	2	56	2	143	14	1	.269
		37	25	3.40	83				0	0	565.2	525	231	214				168		465			
Harris, Greg, Bos.	11	11	12	3.85	53	21	1	0	15	2	173.0	157	731	79	74	13	5	69	5	127	6	1	.243
		59	66	3.64	470				40	40	1148.1	1043	529	465				490		870			
Harvey, Bryan, Cal.	5	2	4	1.60	67	0	0	0	63	46	78.2	51	309	20	14	6	1	17	3	101	2	2	.178
		16	16	2.45	225				113	113	279.0	197	87	76				115		331			
Hawkins, Andy, N.Y.-Oak.	10	4	6	5.52	19	17	1	0	2	0	89.2	91	399	56	55	10	5	42	0	45	1	1	.262
		84	91	4.22	280				0	0	1558.1	1574	815	731				612		706			
Henke, Tom, Tor.	10	0	2	2.32	49	0	0	0	43	32	50.1	33	190	13	13	4	0	11	2	53	1	0	.184
		29	28	2.68	430				186	186	567.1	437	181	169				176		649			
Henneman, Mike, Det.	5	10	2	2.88	60	0	0	0	50	21	84.1	81	358	29	27	2	0	34	8	61	5	0	.258
		49	21	2.90	309				80	80	456.2	413	170	147				172		313			
Henry, Doug, Mil.	1	2	1	1.00	32	0	0	0	25	15	36.0	16	137	4	4	1	0	14	1	28	0	0	.133
		2	1	1.00	32				15	15	36.0	16	4	4				14		28			
Hesketh, Joe, Bos.*	8	12	4	3.29	39	17	0	0	5	0	153.1	142	631	59	56	19	0	53	3	104	8	0	.250
		41	29	3.46	256				19	19	645.2	606	280	248				245		505			
Hibbard, Greg, Chi.*	3	11	11	4.31	32	29	5	0	1	0	194.0	196	806	107	93	23	2	57	1	71	1	0	.266
		31	27	3.58	88				0	0	542.1	540	245	216				153		218			
Higuera, Teddy, Mil.*	7	3	2	4.46	7	6	0	0	1	0	36.1	37	153	18	18	2	1	10	0	33	0	0	.262
		92	56	3.37	188				0	0	1291.1	1145	529	484				391		1019			
Hillegas, Shawn, Clev.	5	3	4	4.34	51	3	0	0	31	7	83.0	67	359	42	40	7	2	46	7	66	5	0	.223
		20	24	4.08	137				10	10	368.2	339	179	167				168		254			
Holman, Brian, Sea.	4	13	14	3.69	30	30	5	3	0	0	195.1	199	839	86	80	16	10	77	0	108	8	1	.268
		37	45	3.71	109				0	0	676.2	682	303	279				254		392			
Holmes, Darren, Mil.	2	1	4	4.72	40	0	0	0	9	3	76.1	90	344	43	40	6	1	27	1	59	6	0	.295
		1	5	4.80	54				3	3	93.2	105	53	50				38		78			
Honeycutt, Rick, Oak.*	15	2	4	3.58	43	0	0	0	7	0	37.2	37	167	16	15	3	2	20	3	26	0	0	.261
		99	131	3.73	534				27	27	1959.0	1989	942	811				600		914			
Hough, Charlie, Chi.	22	9	10	4.02	31	29	4	1	1	0	199.1	167	858	98	89	21	11	94	0	107	5	1	.229
		195	179	3.66	776				61	61	3306.0	2803	1536	1343				1476		2095			
Howe, Steve, N.Y.*	7	3	1	1.68	37	0	0	0	10	3	48.1	39	189	12	9	1	3	7	2	34	2	0	.222
		32	32	2.59	305				63	63	427.2	406	152	123				96		246			
Hunter, James, Mil.	1	0	5	7.26	8	6	0	0	0	0	31.0	45	152	26	25	3	4	17	0	14	3	0	.349
		0	5	7.26	8				0	0	31.0	45	26	25				17		14			
Jackson, Mike, Sea.	6	7	7	3.25	72	0	0	0	35	14	88.2	64	363	35	32	5	6	34	11	74	3	0	.201
		25	35	3.53	326				29	29	487.1	383	217	191				235		409			
Jeffcoat, Mike, Texas*	8	5	3	4.63	70	0	0	0	21	1	79.2	104	363	46	41	8	4	25	3	43	3	0	.321
		25	25	4.22	245				7	7	477.2	544	250	224				144		235			
Johnson, Dave, Balt.	4	4	8	7.07	22	14	0	0	4	0	84.0	127	393	68	66	18	4	24	3	38	0	0	.349
		21	24	4.93	71				0	0	359.2	426	202	197				97		136			
Johnson, Jeff, N.Y.*	1	6	11	5.95	23	23	0	0	0	0	127.0	156	562	89	84	15	6	33	1	62	5	1	.305
		6	11	5.95	23				0	0	127.0	156	89	84				33		62			
Johnson, Randy, Sea.*	4	13	10	3.98	33	33	2	1	0	0	201.1	151	889	96	89	15	12	152	0	228	12	2	.213
		37	34	4.01	99				0	0	607.2	495	307	271				375		577			
Jones, Calvin, Sea.	1	2	2	2.53	27	0	0	0	6	2	46.1	33	194	14	13	0	1	29	5	42	6	0	.209
		2	2	2.53	27				2	2	46.1	33	14	13				29		42			
Jones, Doug, Clev.	7	4	8	5.54	36	4	0	0	29	7	63.1	87	293	42	39	7	0	17	5	48	1	0	.320
		26	32	3.08	276				128	128	423.2	422	172	145				99		340			
Kamieniecki, Scott, N.Y.	1	4	4	3.90	9	9	0	0	0	0	55.1	54	239	24	24	8	3	22	1	34	1	0	.256
		4	4	3.90	9				0	0	55.1	54	24	24				22		34			
Key, Jimmy, Tor.*	8	16	12	3.05	33	33	2	2	0	0	209.1	207	877	84	71	12	3	44	3	125	1	0	.254
		103	68	3.41	284				10	10	1479.0	1419	622	560				345		827			
Kiecker, Dana, Bos.	2	2	3	7.36	18	5	0	0	3	0	40.1	56	194	34	33	6	2	23	4	21	3	2	.344
		10	12	4.68	50				0	0	192.1	201	108	100				77		114			
Kilgus, Paul, Balt.*	5	0	2	5.08	38	0	0	0	14	1	62.0	60	267	38	35	8	3	24	2	32	2	0	.256
		20	34	4.39	141				3	3	516.2	528	289	252				182		230			
King, Eric, Clev.	6	6	11	4.60	25	24	2	1	0	0	150.2	166	656	83	77	7	3	44	4	59	2	2	.279
		48	39	3.85	186				15	15	784.0	724	360	335				305		414			
Klink, Joe, Oak.*	3	10	3	4.35	62	0	0	0	10	2	62.0	60	266	30	30	4	5	21	5	34	4	0	.260
		10	4	4.04	114				3	3	124.2	131	57	56				50		70			
Knudson, Mark, Mil.	7	1	3	7.97	12	7	0	0	3	0	35.0	54	174	33	31	8	1	15	0	23	1	0	.355
		24	29	4.52	117				0	0	476.1	547	265	239				123		192			
Krueger, Bill, Sea.*	9	11	8	3.60	35	25	1	0	2	0	175.0	194	751	82	70	15	4	60	4	91	10	1	.289
		47	49	4.19	197				4	4	845.1	908	476	394				378		417			
Lamp, Dennis, Bos.	15	6	3	4.70	51	0	0	0	12	0	92.0	100	403	54	48	8	3	31	7	57	1	0	.275
		95	95	3.91	618				35	35	1803.0	1942	899	783				540		842			
Langston, Mark, Cal.*	8	19	8	3.00	34	34	7	0	0	0	246.1	190	992	89	82	30	2	96	3	183	6	0	.215
		115	101	3.76	267				0	0	1843.2	1611	862	771				868		1631			
Leach, Terry, Minn.	9	1	2	3.61	50	0	0	0	22	0	67.1	82	292	28	27	3	0	14	5	32	1	0	.299
		32	22	3.30	311				9	9	610.0	616	257	224				175		306			
Leary, Tim, N.Y.	10	4	10	6.49	28	18	1	0	4	0	120.2	150	551	89									

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Lee, Mark, Mil.*	3	2	5	3.86	62	0	0	0	9	1	67.2	72	291	33	29	10	1	31	7	43	0	0	.283
		3	5	3.45	77					1	94.0	98		40	36			36		57			
Leiter, Mark, Det.	2	9	7	4.21	38	15	1	0	7	1	134.2	125	578	66	63	16	6	50	4	103	2	0	.245
		10	8	4.64	46					0	161.0	158		86	83			59		124			
Lewis, Scott, Cal.	2	3	5	6.27	16	11	0	0	0	0	60.1	81	281	43	42	9	2	21	0	37	3	0	.316
		4	6	5.40	18					0	76.2	91		47	46			23		46			
Machado, Julio, Mil.	3	3	3	3.45	54	0	0	0	13	3	88.2	65	371	36	34	12	3	55	1	98	5	0	.211
		7	5	3.12	101					6	147.0	115		54	51			83		151			
MacDonald, Bob, Tor.*	2	3	3	2.85	45	0	0	0	10	0	53.2	51	231	19	17	5	0	25	4	24	1	1	.252
		3	3	2.73	49					0	56.0	51		19	17			27		24			
Magnante, Mike, K.C.*	1	0	1	2.45	38	0	0	0	10	0	55.0	55	236	19	15	3	0	23	3	42	1	0	.262
		0	1	2.45	38					0	55.0	55		19	15			23		42			
Mathews, Terry, Texas	5	4	0	3.61	34	2	0	0	8	1	57.1	54	236	24	23	5	1	18	3	51	5	0	.251
		30	30	3.92	113					1	519.0	491		240	226			196		275			
McCaskill, Kirk, Cal.	7	10	19	4.26	30	30	1	0	0	0	177.2	193	762	93	84	19	3	66	1	71	6	0	.283
		78	74	3.86	192					0	1221.0	1191		576	524			448		714			
McDonald, Ben, Balt.	3	6	8	4.84	21	21	1	0	0	0	126.1	126	532	71	68	16	1	43	2	85	3	0	.261
		15	13	3.82	48					0	252.1	222		114	107			82		153			
McDowell, Jack, Chi.	4	17	10	3.41	35	35	15	3	0	0	253.2	212	1028	97	96	19	4	82	2	191	10	1	.228
		39	29	3.61	98					0	645.1	564		281	259			233		455			
Meacham, Rusty, Det.	1	2	1	5.20	10	4	0	0	1	0	27.2	35	126	17	16	4	0	11	0	14	0	1	.315
		2	1	5.20	10					0	27.2	35		17	16			11		14			
Mesa, Jose, Balt.	3	6	11	5.97	23	23	2	1	0	0	123.2	151	566	86	82	11	3	62	2	64	3	0	.307
		10	16	5.49	36					0	201.2	226		129	123			104		105			
Milacki, Bob, Balt.	4	10	9	4.01	31	26	3	1	1	0	184.0	175	758	86	82	17	1	53	3	108	1	2	.253
		31	29	3.86	98					0	587.1	560		266	252			211		299			
Monteleone, Rich, N.Y.	5	3	1	3.64	26	0	0	0	10	0	47.0	42	201	27	19	5	0	19	3	34	1	1	.236
		5	4	3.67	61					0	105.1	103		52	43			39		74			
Montgomery, Jeff, K.C.	5	4	4	2.90	67	0	0	0	55	33	90.0	83	376	32	29	6	2	28	2	77	6	0	.246
		26	16	2.66	262					76	358.1	309		124	106			126		325			
Moore, Mike, Oak.	10	17	8	2.96	33	33	3	1	0	0	210.0	176	887	75	69	11	5	105	1	153	14	0	.229
		115	130	4.06	328					2	2108.0	2071		1053	951			807		1335			
Morris, Jack, Minn.	15	18	12	3.43	35	35	10	2	0	0	246.2	226	1032	107	94	18	5	92	5	163	15	1	.245
		216	162	3.71	465					0	3290.0	2993		1489	1356			1178		2143			
Morton, Kevin, Bos.*	1	6	5	4.59	16	15	1	0	0	0	86.1	93	379	49	44	9	1	40	2	45	1	1	.284
		6	5	4.59	16					0	86.1	93		49	44			40		45			
Murphy, Rob, Sea.*	7	0	1	3.00	57	0	0	0	26	4	48.0	47	211	17	16	4	1	19	4	34	4	0	.250
		19	25	3.15	398					27	448.2	417		175	157			185		405			
Mussina, Mike, Balt.	1	4	5	2.87	12	12	2	0	0	0	87.2	77	349	31	28	7	1	21	0	52	3	1	.239
		4	5	2.87	12					0	87.2	77		31	28			21		52			
Nagy, Charles, Clev.	2	10	15	4.13	33	33	6	1	0	0	211.1	228	914	103	97	15	6	66	7	109	6	2	.275
		12	19	4.45	42					0	257.0	286		134	127			87		135			
Navarro, Jaime, Mil.	3	15	12	3.92	34	34	10	2	0	0	234.0	237	1002	117	102	18	6	73	3	114	10	0	.261
		30	27	3.91	85					1	493.0	532		247	214			146		245			
Nelson, Gene, Oak.	11	1	5	6.84	44	0	0	0	11	0	48.2	60	229	38	37	12	3	23	1	23	0	0	.306
		50	58	4.08	413					23	967.1	933		472	438			372		597			
Nichols, Rod, Clev.	4	2	11	3.54	31	16	3	1	4	1	137.1	145	578	63	54	6	6	30	3	76	3	0	.273
		7	27	4.34	61					1	294.1	323		160	142			83		152			
Olin, Steve, Clev.	3	3	6	3.36	48	0	0	0	32	17	56.1	61	249	26	21	2	1	23	7	38	0	0	.274
		8	14	3.46	123					19	184.2	192		83	71			63		126			
Olson, Gregg, Balt.	4	4	6	3.18	72	0	0	0	62	31	73.2	74	319	28	26	1	1	29	5	72	8	1	.262
		16	14	2.46	210					95	244.0	198		69	66			116		245			
Orosco, Jesse, Clev.*	12	2	0	3.74	47	0	0	0	20	0	45.2	52	202	20	19	4	1	15	8	36	1	1	.286
		60	57	2.82	598					121	836.2	685		300	262			349		719			
Otto, Dave, Clev.*	5	2	8	4.23	18	14	1	0	0	0	100.0	108	425	52	47	7	4	27	6	47	3	0	.283
		2	8	4.25	27					0	125.0	133		65	59			39		63			
Pall, Donn, Chi.	4	7	2	2.41	51	0	0	0	7	0	71.0	59	282	22	19	7	3	20	3	40	2	0	.231
		14	14	3.08	177					8	262.2	251		101	90			71		153			
Patterson, Ken, Chi.	4	3	0	2.83	43	0	0	0	13	1	63.2	48	265	22	20	5	1	35	1	32	2	0	.214
		11	4	3.70	145					4	216.1	195		97	89			104		123			
Perez, Melido, Chi.	5	8	7	3.12	49	8	0	0	16	1	135.2	111	553	49	47	15	1	52	0	128	11	1	.224
		45	46	4.26	150					1	723.1	679		383	342			305		573			
Perez, Pascual, N.Y.	11	2	4	3.18	14	14	0	0	0	0	73.2	68	299	26	26	7	0	24	1	41	3	2	.250
		67	68	3.44	207					0	1244.0	1167		541	475			344		822			
Petry, Dan, Det.-Bos.	13	2	3	4.79	30	6	0	0	8	1	77.0	87	338	52	41	12	1	31	5	30	0	0	.286
		125	104	3.93	360					1	2056.1	1955		1008	897			838		1054			
Plesac, Dan, Mil.*	6	2	7	4.29	45	10	0	0	25	8	92.1	92	402	49	44	12	3	39	1	61	2	1	.263
		24	33	3.25	321					132	445.1	396		179	161			151		394			
Plunk, Eric, N.Y.	6	2	5	4.76	43	8	0	0	6	0	111.2	128	521	69	59	18	1	62	1	103	6	2	.286
		31	29	4.11	247					8	582.0	512		294	266			372		522			
Poole, Jim, Texas-Balt.*	2	3	2	2.36	29	0	0	0	5	1	42.0	29	166	14	11	3	0	12	2	38	2	0	.196
		3	2	2.73	45					1	52.2	36		19	16			20		44			
Radinsky, Scott, Chi.*	2	5	5	2.02	67	0	0	0	19	8	71.1	53	289	18	16	4	1	23	2	49	0	0	.206
		11	6	3.20	129					12	123.2	100		47	44			59		95			
Reardon, Jeff, Bos.	13	1	4	3.03	57	0	0	0	51	40	59.1	54	248	21	20	9	1	16	3	44	0	0	.236
		63	69	3.04	751					327	1002.2	850		361	338			336		799			

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Rhodes, Arthur, Balt.*	1	0	3	8.00	8	8	0	0	0	0	36.0	47	174	35	32	4	0	23	0	23	2	0	.320
		0	3	8.00	8				0	0	36.0	47		35	32			23		23			
Robinson, Jeff, Cal.	8	0	3	5.37	39	0	0	0	16	3	57.0	56	252	34	34	9	2	29	4	57	10	0	.259
		42	54	3.87	405				38	823.1	804		404	354				309		583			
Robinson, Jeff, Balt.	5	4	9	5.18	21	19	0	0	0	0	104.1	119	472	62	60	12	6	51	2	65	8	0	.289
		40	35	4.74	117				0	626.2	589		357	330				311		393			
Rogers, Kenny, Texas*	3	10	10	5.42	63	9	0	0	20	5	109.2	121	511	80	66	14	6	61	7	73	3	1	.281
		23	20	3.97	205				22	281.0	274		148	124				145		210			
Rosenthal, Wayne, Texas	1	1	4	5.25	36	0	0	0	8	1	70.1	72	321	43	41	9	1	36	1	61	8	1	.257
		1	4	5.25	36				1	70.1	72		43	41				36		61			
Russell, Jeff, Texas	9	6	4	3.29	68	0	0	0	56	30	79.1	71	336	36	29	11	1	26	1	52	6	0	.236
		46	57	3.96	345				83	857.1	834		436	377				329		528			
Ryan, Nolan, Texas	25	12	6	2.91	27	27	2	2	0	0	173.0	102	683	58	56	12	5	72	0	203	8	0	.172
		314	278	3.15	767				3	5163.1	3731		2056	1810				2686		5511			
Saberhagen, Bret, K.C.	8	13	8	3.07	28	28	7	2	0	0	196.1	165	789	76	67	12	9	45	5	136	8	1	.228
		110	78	3.21	252				1	1660.1	1551		650	593				331		1093			
Sanderson, Scott, N.Y.	14	16	10	3.81	34	34	2	2	0	0	208.0	200	837	95	88	22	3	29	0	130	4	1	.252
		131	110	3.61	377				5	2034.1	1972		895	816				507		1339			
Schooler, Mike, Sea.	4	3	3	3.67	34	0	0	0	23	7	34.1	25	138	14	14	2	0	10	0	31	2	1	198
		10	22	2.96	190				85	215.2	198		80	71				69		199			
Searcy, Steve, Det.*	4	1	2	8.41	16	5	0	0	4	0	40.2	52	201	40	38	8	2	30	0	32	4	0	.313
		6	13	5.65	60				0	176.2	192		122	111				111		133			
Shaw, Jeff, Clev.	2	0	5	3.36	29	1	0	0	9	1	72.1	72	311	34	27	6	4	27	5	31	6	0	.262
		3	9	4.69	41				1	121.0	145		72	63				47		56			
Show, Eric, Oak.	11	1	2	5.92	23	5	0	0	6	0	51.2	62	231	36	34	5	0	17	1	20	2	1	.300
		101	89	3.66	332				7	1655.0	1526		739	673				610		971			
Slusarski, Joe, Oak.	1	5	7	5.27	20	19	1	0	0	0	109.1	121	486	69	64	14	4	52	1	60	4	0	.283
		5	7	5.27	20				0	109.1	121		69	64				52		60			
Smith, Roy, Balt.	8	5	4	5.60	17	14	0	0	0	0	80.1	99	348	52	50	9	1	24	0	25	3	1	.311
		30	31	4.60	136				1	618.1	707		344	316				202		320			
Stewart, Dave, Oak.	12	11	11	5.18	35	35	2	1	0	0	226.0	245	1014	135	130	24	9	105	1	144	13	0	.278
		134	96	3.70	428				19	2053.2	1926		923	844				782		1346			
Stieb, Dave, Tor.	13	4	3	3.17	9	9	1	0	0	0	59.2	52	244	22	21	4	2	23	0	29	0	0	.243
		170	126	3.33	399				1	2726.2	2389		1119	1010				960		1586			
Stottlemire, Todd, Tor.	4	15	8	3.78	34	34	1	0	0	0	219.0	194	921	97	92	21	12	75	3	116	4	0	.235
		39	40	4.27	122				0	647.2	654		324	307				234		361			
Swan, Russ, Sea.*	3	6	2	3.43	63	0	0	0	11	2	78.2	81	336	35	30	8	0	28	7	33	8	0	.269
		8	8	3.88	78				2	134.2	140		71	58				54		51			
Swift, Bill, Sea.	6	1	2	1.99	71	0	0	0	30	17	90.1	74	359	22	20	3	1	26	4	48	2	1	.224
		30	40	4.04	253				24	759.0	827		395	341				253		292			
Swindell, Greg, Clev.*	6	9	16	3.48	33	33	7	0	0	0	238.0	241	971	112	92	21	3	31	1	169	3	1	.263
		60	55	3.79	153				0	1043.0	1059		487	439				226		756			
Tanana, Frank, Det.*	19	13	12	3.77	33	33	3	2	0	0	217.1	217	920	98	91	26	2	78	9	107	3	1	.265
		220	208	3.59	574				1	3797.1	3659		1698	1515				1110		2566			
Tapani, Kevin, Minn.	3	16	9	2.99	34	34	4	1	0	0	244.0	225	974	84	81	23	2	40	0	135	3	3	.245
		30	19	3.45	70				0	443.1	428		177	170				81		259			
Taylor, Wade, N.Y.	1	7	12	6.27	23	22	0	0	0	0	116.1	144	528	85	81	13	7	53	0	72	3	3	.314
		7	12	6.27	23				0	116.1	144		85	81				53		72			
Terrell, Walt, Det.	10	12	14	4.24	35	33	8	2	1	0	218.2	257	954	115	103	16	2	79	10	80	8	0	.301
		104	114	4.14	285				0	1850.0	1927		945	852				700		868			
Thigpen, Bobby, Chi.	6	7	5	3.49	67	0	0	0	58	30	69.2	63	309	32	27	10	4	38	8	47	2	0	.245
		27	30	2.89	344				178	452.0	393		161	145				179		298			
Timlin, Mike, Tor.	1	11	6	3.16	63	3	0	0	17	3	108.1	94	463	43	38	6	1	50	11	85	5	0	.233
		11	6	3.16	63				3	108.1	94		43	38				50		85			
Ward, Duane, Tor.	6	7	6	2.77	81	0	0	0	46	23	107.1	80	428	36	33	3	2	33	3	132	6	0	.207
		23	29	3.59	308				64	491.0	415		214	196				217		476			
Wegman, Bill, Mil.	7	15	7	2.84	28	28	7	2	0	0	193.1	176	785	76	61	16	7	40	0	89	6	0	.242
		51	51	4.25	151				0	914.0	952		486	432				216		410			
Welch, Bob, Oak.	14	12	13	4.58	35	35	7	1	0	0	220.0	220	950	124	112	25	11	91	3	101	3	2	.263
		188	122	3.27	431				8	2732.1	2493		1105	994				892		1815			
Wells, David, Tor.*	5	15	10	3.72	40	28	2	0	3	1	198.1	188	811	88	82	24	2	49	1	106	10	3	.252
		40	28	3.44	196				11	567.1	521		235	217				165		387			
West, David, Minn.*	4	4	4	4.54	15	12	0	0	0	0	71.1	66	305	37	36	13	1	28	0	52	3	0	.244
		15	17	5.29	67				0	287.1	287		176	169				142		197			
Williamson, Mark, Balt.	5	5	5	4.48	65	0	0	0	21	4	80.1	87	357	42	40	9	0	35	7	53	7	0	.275
		36	29	3.77	277				19	515.2	504		231	216				174		310			
Willis, Carl, Minn.	5	8	3	2.63	40	0	0	0	9	2	89.0	76	355	31	26	4	1	19	2	53	4	1	.232
		10	9	4.39	103				4	192.2	201		107	94				70		96			
Witt, Bobby, Texas	6	3	7	6.09	17	16	1	1	0	0	88.2	84	413	66	60	4	1	74	1	82	8	0	.254
		59	59	4.63	160				0	980.0	841		556	504				682		951			
York, Mike, Clev.	2	1	4	6.75	14	4	0	0	3	0	34.2	45	163	29	26	2	2	19	3	19	2	0	.333
		2	5	5.70	18				0	47.1	58		34	30				24		23			
Young, Curt, Oak.*	9	4	2	5.00	41	1	0	0	6	0	68.1	74	306	38	38	8	2	34	2	27	2	1	.278
		64	50	4.33	225				0	1024.2	1039		539	493				343		512			
Young, Matt, Bos.*	8	3	7	5.18	19	16	0	0	1	0	88.2	92	404	55	51	4	2	53	2	69	5	0	.266
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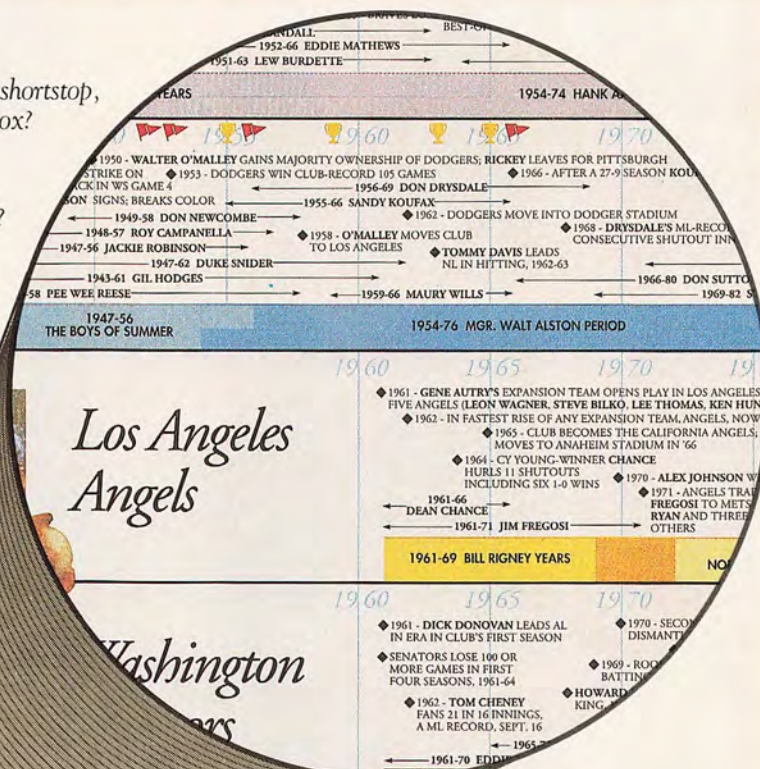
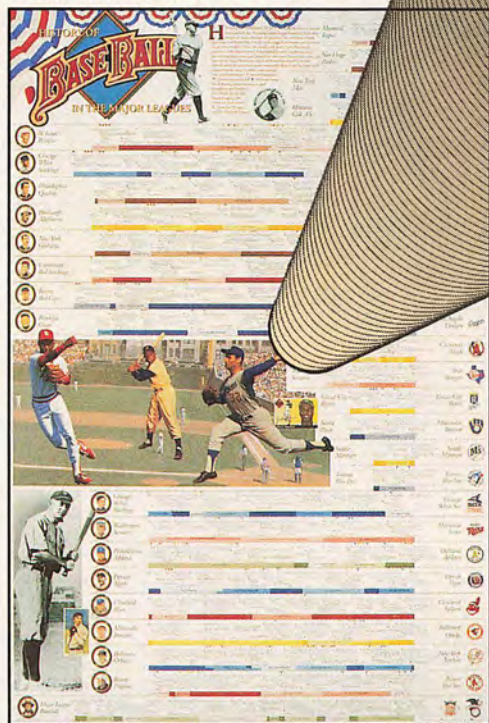
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CLUB FIELDING

Club	Pct.	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP	TP	PB	Club	Pct.	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP	TP	PB
Baltimore	.985	162	4373	1807	91	6271	172	0	8	Boston	.981	162	4319	1768	116	6203	165	0	11
Minnesota	.985	162	4348	1779	95	6222	161	0	12	Milwaukee	.981	162	4391	1770	118	6279	176	0	16
California	.984	162	4325	1858	102	6285	156	0	23	Kansas City	.980	162	4398	1694	125	6217	141	0	11
Detroit	.983	162	4351	1796	104	6251	171	0	12	Toronto	.980	162	4388	1686	127	6201	115	0	21
Seattle	.983	162	4393	1783	110	6286	187	2	24	Texas	.979	162	4437	1712	134	6283	138	0	15
Oakland	.982	162	4333	1608	107	6048	150	0	8	New York	.979	162	4332	1752	133	6217	181	0	13
Chicago	.982	162	4434	1740	116	6290	151	0	20	Cleveland	.976	162	4324	1712	149	6185	150	0	19

INDIVIDUAL FIELDING

* Throws left-handed

50 or more games

† Gold Glove winner

FIRST BASEMEN

Leader, Club	Pct.	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
McGwire, Mark, Oak.	.997	152	1191	101	4	1296	120
Player, Club							
Benzinger, Todd, K.C.	.996	75	651	38	3	692	57
Fielder, Cecil, Det.	.993	122	1055	83	8	1146	110
Hrbek, Kent, Minn.	.994	128	1138	95	8	1241	110
Jacoby, Brook, Clev.-Oak.	.989	58	404	35	5	444	30
Joyner, Wally, Cal.*	.994	141	1335	98	8	1441	124
Mattingly, Don, N.Y.*†	.996	127	1119	77	5	1201	135
Milligan, Randy, Balt.	.990	106	929	81	10	1020	92
O'Brien, Pete, Sea.*	.997	132	1047	86	3	1136	124
Olerud, John, Tor.*	.996	135	1120	78	5	1203	77
Palmeiro, Rafael, Texas*	.992	157	1305	96	12	1413	119
Pasqua, Dan, Chi.*	.991	83	511	43	5	559	45
Quintana, Carlos, Bos.	.993	138	1026	101	8	1135	101
Stubbs, Franklin, Mil.*	.991	92	824	82	8	914	78
Thomas, Frank, Chi.	.996	56	459	27	2	488	43

SECOND BASEMEN

Leader, Club	Pct.	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
Whitaker, Lou, Det.	.994	135	255	361	4	620	91
Player, Club							
Alomar, Roberto, Tor.†	.981	160	333	447	15	795	79
Baerga, Carlos, Clev.	.971	75	163	238	12	413	59
Bell, Juan, Balt.	.973	77	104	189	8	301	39
Cora, Joey, Chi.	.970	80	103	184	9	296	33
Fletcher, Scott, Chi.	.992	86	177	191	3	371	49
Franco, Julio, Texas	.979	146	294	372	14	680	80
Gallego, Mike, Oak.	.989	135	243	370	7	620	69
Gantner, Jim, Mil.	.977	59	109	190	7	306	31
Knoblauch, Chuck, Minn.	.975	148	249	460	18	727	94
Leius, Mark, Clev.	.966	50	87	140	8	235	29
Randolph, Willie, Mil.	.969	121	237	378	20	635	96
Reed, Jody, Bos.	.982	152	312	444	14	770	109
Reynolds, Harold, Sea.	.978	159	348	463	18	829	133
Ripken, Bill, Balt.	.986	103	201	284	7	492	75
Sax, Steve, N.Y.	.990	149	274	443	7	724	107
Shumpert, Terry, K.C.	.975	144	249	368	16	633	81
Sojo, Luis, Cal.	.981	107	228	326	11	565	78

THIRD BASEMEN

Leader, Club	Pct.	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
Buechele, Steve, Texas	.991	111	87	239	3	329	20
Player, Club							
Baerga, Carlos, Clev.	.944	89	54	183	14	251	14
Boggs, Wade, Bos.	.968	140	89	276	12	377	34
Fryman, Travis, Det.	.946	86	45	147	11	203	13
Gaetti, Gary, Cal.	.965	152	111	353	17	481	39
Gantner, Jim, Mil.	.976	90	51	155	5	211	15
Gomez, Leo, Balt.	.972	105	62	184	7	253	20
Gruber, Kelly, Tor.	.962	111	97	231	13	341	16
Jacoby, Brook, Clev.-Oak.	.987	67	49	101	2	152	12
Kelly, Pat, N.Y.	.926	80	43	157	16	216	14
Law, Vance, Oak.	.951	67	36	62	5	103	7
Leius, Scott, Minn.	.953	79	41	100	7	148	8
Martinez, Edgar, Sea.	.962	144	84	299	15	398	25
Pagliarulo, Mike, Minn.	.965	118	56	248	11	315	30
Palmer, Dean, Texas	.944	50	27	74	6	107	5
Pecota, Bill, K.C.	.983	102	69	158	4	231	14
Riles, Ernest, Oak.	.939	69	54	101	10	165	14
Seitzer, Kevin, K.C.	.940	68	45	127	11	183	8
Velarde, Randy, N.Y.	.935	50	31	85	8	124	8
Ventura, Robin, Chi.†	.959	151	134	287	18	439	29

SHORTSTOPS

Leader, Club	Pct.	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
Ripken Jr., Cal, Balt.†	.986	162	267	528	11	806	114
Player, Club							
Bordick, Mike, Oak.	.972	84	137	209	10	356	44
Diaz, Mario, Texas	.962	65	68	110	7	185	25
Espinoza, Alvaro, N.Y.	.969	147	223	438	21	682	113
Fermin, Felix, Clev.	.980	129	214	372	12	598	74
Fryman, Travis, Det.	.963	71	108	207	12	327	48
Gagne, Greg, Minn.	.984	137	181	377	9	567	69
Gallego, Mike, Oak.	.959	55	40	76	5	121	21
Guillen, Ozzie, Chi.	.970	149	249	439	21	709	88
Howard, David, K.C.	.962	63	93	188	11	292	30
Huson, Jeff, Texas	.965	116	141	267	15	423	43
Lee, Manny, Tor.	.967	138	194	360	19	573	52
Newman, Al, Minn.	.987	55	63	90	2	155	23
Rivera, Luis, Bos.	.959	129	180	386	24	590	87
Schofield, Dick, Cal.	.975	133	186	398	15	599	83
Spiers, Bill, Mil.	.970	128	201	345	17	563	93
Stillwell, Kurt, K.C.	.959	118	163	263	18	444	66
Sveum, Dale, Mil.	.968	51	56	125	6	187	24
Trammell, Alan, Det.	.979	92	131	296	9	436	60
Vizquel, Omar, Sea.	.980	138	224	422	13	659	105

OUTFIELDERS

Leader, Club	Pct.	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
White, Devon, Tor.†	.998	156	439	8	1	448	2
Player, Club							
Anderson, Brady, Balt.*	.981	101	150	3	3	156	0
Barfield, Jesse, N.Y.	1.000	81	178	10	0	188	3
Belle, Albert, Clev.	.952	89	170	8	9	187	1
Bichette, Dante, Mil.	.976	127	270	14	7	291	7
Briley, Greg, Sea.	.980	125	187	5	4	196	1
Brunansky, Tom, Bos.	.989	137	265	5	3	273	2
Buhrer, Jay, Sea.	.981	131	244	15	5	264	4
Burks, Ellis, Bos.	.993	126	283	2	2	287	1
Canseco, Jose, Oak.	.965	131	245	5	9	259	0
Carter, Joe, Tor.	.974	151	283	13	8	304	2
Cole, Alex, Clev.*	.970	107	256	6	8	270	1
Cotto, Henry, Sea.	.981	56	104	2	2	108	1
Cuyler, Milt, Det.	.986	151	411	7	6	424	3
Deer, Rob, Det.	.978	132	310	8	7	325	4
Devereaux, Mike, Balt.	.993	149	399	10	3	412	1
Eisenreich, Jim, K.C.*	.973	105	143	1	4	148	0
Evans, Dwight, Balt.	.984	67	116	6	2	124	2
Felix, Junior, Cal.	.977	65	126	1	3	130	0
Gallagher, Dave, Cal.	1.000	87	180	8	0	188	1
Gibson, Kirk, K.C.*	.976	94	162	3	4	169	0
Gladden, Dan, Minn.	.988	126	240	4	3	247	1
Gonzalez, Juan, Texas	.981	136	310	6	6	322	1
Greenwell, Mike, Bos.	.989	143	263	9	3	275	3
Griffey Jr., Ken, Sea.*†	.989	152	360	15	4	379	4
Hall, Mel, N.Y.*	.987	120	221	8	3	232	2
Hamilton, Darryl, Mil.	.996	117	234	3	1	238	0
Henderson, Dave, Oak.	.997	140	362	10	1	373	2
Henderson, Rickey, Oak.*	.970	119	249	10	8	267	1
Huff, Mike, Clev.-Chi.	.988	96	167	4	2	173	1
Incaviglia, Pete, Det.	.973	54	106	4	3	113	2
Johnson, Lance, Chi.*	.995	158	425	11	2	438	3
Kelly, Roberto, N.Y.	.986	125	268	8	4	280	1
Mack, Shane, Minn.	.977	140	290	6	7	303	2
Maldonado, Candy, Mil.-Tor.	.986	76	139	2	2	143	0
Martinez, Chito, Balt.*	.982	54	108	4	2	114	2
McRae, Brian, K.C.	.993	150	405	2	3	410	0
Meulens, Hensley, N.Y.	.967	73	144	4	5	153	1
Moseby, Lloyd, Det.	.955	64	126	1	6	133	0

OUTFIELDERS

Player, Club	Pct.	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
Newsom, Warren, Chi. *	.962	50	48	3	2	53	0
Orsulak, Joe, Balt. *	.997	132	273	22	1	296	4
Pasqua, Dan, Chi. *	.988	59	76	3	1	80	2
Pettis, Gary, Texas	.977	126	248	4	6	258	1
Phillips, Tony, Det.	.992	56	114	3	1	118	0
Polonia, Luis, Cal. *	.981	143	246	9	5	260	1
Puckett, Kirby, Minn. †	.985	152	373	13	6	392	5
Raines, Tim, Chi.	.990	133	273	12	3	288	3
Reimer, Kevin, Texas	.948	66	110	0	6	116	0
Sierra, Ruben, Texas	.979	161	305	15	7	327	3
Sosa, Sammy, Chi.	.973	111	214	6	6	226	0
Tartabull, Danny, K.C.	.965	124	190	4	7	201	0
Thurman, Gary, K.C.	.970	72	129	2	4	135	0
Vaughn, Greg, Mil.	.994	135	315	5	2	322	1
Venable, Max, Cal.	.967	65	86	3	3	92	0
Whiten, Mark, Tor.-Clev.	.975	109	256	13	7	276	2
Williams, Bernie, N.Y.	.979	85	230	3	5	238	0
Wilson, Willie, Oak.	.983	87	176	2	3	181	0
Winfield, Dave, Cal.	.990	115	198	7	2	207	1
Yount, Robin, Mil.	.994	117	315	1	2	318	1

CATCHERS

Leader, Club	Pct.	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP	PB
Hoiles, Chris, Balt.	.998	89	433	43	1	477	5	3
Player, Club	Pct.	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP	PB
Allanson, Andy, Det.	.979	56	212	22	5	239	1	3
Borders, Pat, Tor.	.993	102	505	48	4	557	4	12
Bradley, Scott, Sea.	.993	65	285	16	2	303	4	3
Dempsey, Rick, Mil.	.993	106	535	55	4	594	5	11
Fisk, Carlton, Chi.	.993	106	535	55	4	594	5	11
Geren, Bob, N.Y.	.989	63	255	18	3	276	2	1
Harper, Brian, Minn.	.988	119	642	33	8	683	7	9
Karkovice, Ron, Chi.	.988	69	309	28	4	341	6	2
Macfarlane, Mike, K.C.	.993	69	391	28	3	422	4	4
Mayne, Brent, K.C.	.987	80	425	38	6	469	4	2
Melvin, Bob, Balt.	.998	72	383	31	1	415	8	3
Myers, Greg, Tor.	.979	104	484	37	11	532	5	9
Nokes, Matt, N.Y.	.992	130	690	48	6	744	7	11
Ortiz, Junior, Minn.	.995	60	203	17	1	221	2	3
Parrish, Lance, Cal.	.997	111	658	57	2	717	11	19
Pena, Tony, Bos. †	.995	140	864	60	5	929	15	5
Petralli, Geno, Texas	.972	66	293	20	9	322	3	3
Quirk, Jamie, Oak.	.982	54	293	32	6	331	2	2
Rodriguez, Ivan, Texas	.983	88	517	62	10	589	6	8
Skinner, Joel, Clev.	.991	99	504	38	5	547	4	6
Stanley, Mike, Texas	.980	58	239	10	5	254	0	3
Steinbach, Terry, Oak.	.980	117	594	48	13	655	7	6
Surhoff, B.J., Mil.	.995	127	660	68	4	732	11	11
Tuttleton, Mickey, Det.	.990	125	558	55	6	619	2	9
Valle, Dave, Sea.	.992	129	669	52	6	727	9	15

PITCHERS

17 or more total chances

Leader, Club	Pct.	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
McDowell, Jack, Chi.	1.000	35	19	32	0	51	1
Player, Club	Pct.	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
Abbott, Jim, Cal. *	.970	34	19	46	2	67	3
Acker, Jim, Tor.	1.000	54	1	16	0	17	0
Alexander, Gerald, Texas	1.000	30	5	14	0	19	2
Anderson, Allan, Minn. *	1.000	29	8	19	0	27	1
Appier, Kevin, K.C.	.958	34	20	26	2	48	0
Aquino, Luis, K.C.	.921	38	14	21	3	38	3
August, Don, Mil.	1.000	28	11	21	0	32	1
Ballard, Jeff, Balt. *	.950	26	4	15	1	20	3
Barfield, Jeff, Texas *	.857	28	6	12	3	21	1
Boddicker, Mike, K.C.	.960	30	12	36	2	50	1
Bolton, Tom, Bos. *	.889	25	1	15	2	18	3
Bosio, Chris, Mil.	.953	32	20	21	2	43	4
Boucher, Denis, Tor.-Clev. *	.882	12	2	13	2	17	2
Brown, Kevin, Texas	.962	33	18	32	2	52	3
Brown, Kevin, Mil. *	.944	15	6	11	1	18	0
Cadaret, Greg, N.Y. *	.957	68	5	17	1	23	5
Candiotti, Tom, Clev.-Tor.	.979	34	19	28	1	48	1
Cerutti, John, Det. *	.875	38	1	20	3	24	0
Clemens, Roger, Bos.	.984	35	31	30	1	62	1
Crim, Chuck, Mil.	.957	66	8	14	1	23	0
Darling, Ron, Oak.	1.000	12	8	9	0	17	1
Davis, Storm, K.C.	1.000	51	5	12	0	17	0
DeLucia, Rich, Sea.	1.000	32	8	19	0	27	1

Player, Club	Pct.	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
Eichhorn, Mark, Cal.	1.000	70	4	18	0	22	2
Erickson, Scott, Minn.	.980	32	19	31	1	51	3
Farr, Steve, N.Y.	1.000	60	7	11	0	18	1
Fernandez, Alex, Chi.	.927	34	7	31	3	41	2
Finley, Chuck, Cal. *	.931	34	11	16	2	29	3
Flanagan, Mike, Balt. *	1.000	64	6	23	0	29	2
Fossas, Tony, Bos. *	.900	64	6	12	2	20	2
Frohworth, Todd, Balt.	.927	51	14	24	3	41	3
Gakeler, Dan, Det.	1.000	31	5	12	0	17	0
Garcia, Ramon, Chi.	.955	16	9	12	1	22	2
Gardiner, Mike, Bos.	.962	22	12	13	1	26	2
Gibson, Paul, Det. *	1.000	68	6	13	0	19	0
Gordon, Tom, K.C.	.935	45	12	17	2	31	1
Gray, Jeff, Bos.	.944	50	7	10	1	18	0
Gubicza, Mark, K.C.	.925	26	8	29	3	40	5
Guetterman, Lee, N.Y. *	.880	64	9	13	3	25	1
Gullickson, Bill, Det.	1.000	35	14	21	0	35	0
Guzman, Jose, Texas	.978	25	12	32	1	45	2
Guzman, Juan, Tor.	.824	23	5	9	3	17	1
Habyan, John, N.Y.	1.000	66	6	12	0	18	0
Hanson, Erik, Sea.	.968	27	14	16	1	31	0
Harris, Greg, Bos.	.956	53	11	32	2	45	0
Hawkins, Andy, N.Y.-Oak.	1.000	19	6	18	0	24	2
Henneman, Mike, Det.	.889	60	6	10	2	18	1
Hesketh, Joe, Bos. *	.970	39	13	19	1	33	1
Hibbard, Greg, Chi. *	.949	32	9	28	2	39	2
Holman, Brian, Sea.	.962	30	17	33	2	52	2
Holmes, Darren, Mil.	.947	40	4	14	1	19	0
Hough, Charlie, Chi.	.977	31	12	31	1	44	1
Johnson, Jeff, N.Y. *	.903	23	4	24	3	31	3
Johnson, Randy, Sea. *	.821	33	0	23	5	28	3
Jones, Doug, Clev.	1.000	36	7	10	0	17	1
Key, Jimmy, Tor. *	.967	33	22	37	2	61	3
Kilgus, Paul, Balt. *	.931	38	14	13	2	29	2
King, Eric, Clev.	.920	25	9	14	2	25	2
Krueger, Bill, Sea. *	1.000	35	5	30	0	35	2
Langston, Mark, Cal. * †	.942	34	15	34	3	52	2
Leach, Terry, Minn.	1.000	50	8	13	0	21	2
Leary, Tim, N.Y.	.955	28	9	12	1	22	3
Leiter, Mark, Det.	.952	38	3	17	1	21	1
McCaskill, Kirk, Cal.	.977	30	17	25	1	43	4
McDonald, Ben, Balt.	1.000	21	12	8	0	20	1
Mesa, Jose, Balt.	1.000	23	17	17	0	34	0
Milacki, Bob, Balt.	.959	31	23	24	2	49	4
Montgomery, Jeff, K.C.	1.000	67	10	8	0	18	0
Moore, Mike, Oak.	.967	33	28	30	2	60	3
Morris, Jack, Minn.	1.000	35	23	25	0	48	2
Morton, Kevin, Bos. *	1.000	16	4	16	0	20	2
Nagy, Charles, Clev.	.949	33	17	20	2	39	4
Navarro, Jaime, Mil.	.936	34	16	28	3	47	3
Nichols, Rod, Clev.	.960	31	10	14	1	25	1
Olson, Gregg, Balt.	.850	72	6	11	3	20	0
Otto, Dave, Clev. *	.944	18	1	16	1	18	0
Perez, Melido, Chi.	.903	49	9	19	3	31	1
Petry, Dan, Det.-Bos.	.963	30	8	18	1	27	3
Radinsky, Scott, Chi. *	1.000	67	6	11	0	17	0
Robinson, Jeff, Balt.	.882	21	5	10	2	17	0
Rogers, Kenny, Texas *	.870	63	5	15	3	23	1
Russell, Jeff, Texas	.960	68	6	18	1	25	1
Ryan, Nolan, Texas	1.000	27	7	14	0	21	1
Saberhagen, Bret, K.C.	.959	28	17	30	2	49	2
Sanderson, Scott, N.Y.	.966	34	15	13	1	29	0
Shaw, Jeff, Clev.	.882	29	4	11	2	17	2
Slusarski, Joe, Oak.	.944	20	7	10	1	18	0
Smith, Roy, Balt.	1.000	17	9	8	0	17	0
Stewart, Dave, Oak.	.943	35	14	19	2	35	0
Stieb, Dave, Tor.	.944	9	5	12	1	18	2
Stottlemire, Todd, Tor.	.962	34	30	21	2	53	2
Swan, Russ, Sea. *	.950	63	3	16	1	20	1
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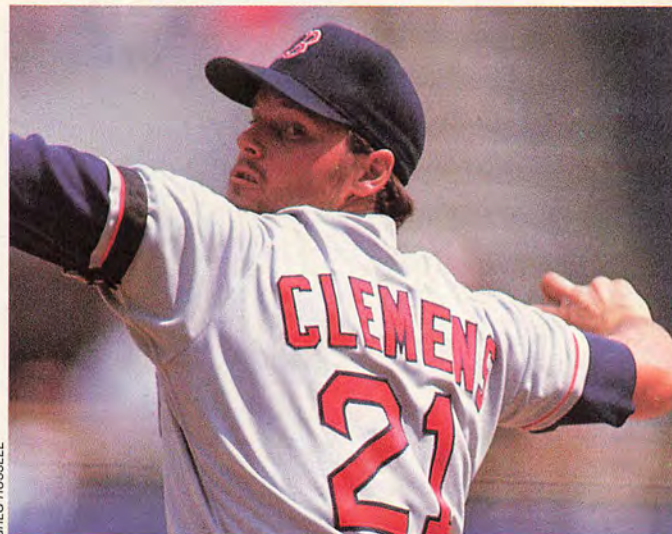
AMERICAN LEAGUE



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MVP **CAL RIPKEN JR.** **BALTIMORE ORIOLES**

Key Stats			Key Facts
Avg.	.323	6th in AL	Ripken, who hasn't missed a game since May 30, 1982, won his first Gold Glove award at shortstop and made his eighth straight start in the All-Star Game. This is his second MVP award; the first came in 1983. He won AL Rookie of the Year in 1982.
HR	34	3rd in AL	
RBI	114	4th in AL	
Slg. Pct.	.566	2nd in AL	
Hits	210	2nd in AL	



GREG RUSSELL

CY YOUNG **ROGER CLEMENS** **BOSTON RED SOX**

Key Stats			Key Facts
W-L	18-10	T4th in AL	In his eighth season with the Red Sox, Clemens became only the second AL pitcher to win three Cy Young Awards (Jim Palmer of Baltimore won in 1973, '75 and '76). Clemens' previous awards occurred in 1986 and '87. He is 134-61, 2.85 in his career.
ERA	2.62	1st in AL	
IP	271.1	1st in AL	
SO	241	1st in AL	
CG	13	2nd in AL	

NATIONAL LEAGUE



SCOTT J. LEVY

MVP **TERRY PENDLETON** **ATLANTA BRAVES**

Key Stats			Key Facts
Avg.	.319	1st in NL	In his first season as a Brave, Pendleton not only had a career year in most batting categories, he also led NL third basemen in assists (349), chances (481) and double plays (31). This is the switch-hitter's first MVP award. He won Gold Gloves in 1987 and '89.
HR	22		
RBI	86		
Slg. Pct.	.517	3rd in NL	
Hits	187	1st in NL	



COURTLAND RICHARDS

CY YOUNG **TOM GLAVINE** **ATLANTA BRAVES**

Key Stats			Key Facts
W-L	20-11	T1st in NL	Glavine turned around his 10-12, 4.28 performance of 1990 by winning 10 of his first 12 games and going 8-0 from May 3-June 9. The 25-year-old left-hander became the first Brave to win 20 games in a season since Phil Niekro went 21-20 in 1979.
ERA	2.55	3rd in NL	
IP	246.2	2nd in NL	
SO	192	3rd in NL	
CG	9	T1st in NL	



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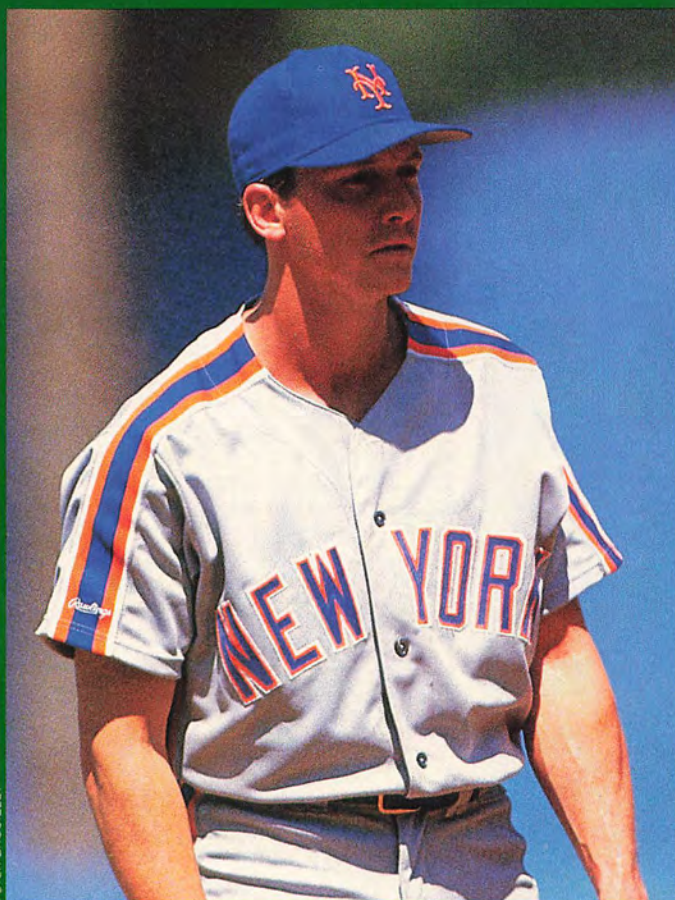
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Manager of the Year

Lou Piniella, Cincinnati

Cincinnati Reds



By DAVE D'ALESSANDRO

Late in November 1991, the New York Mets came up with \$36.5 million for two prized free agents.

With that outlay for Bobby Bonilla and Eddie Murray within a five-day period, the Mets hoped to ensure a serious challenge for the title in the National League East. At the least, it was a free-spending attempt to change the image of a franchise that slipped seven games below .500 last season.

Nor did the Mets neglect to strengthen their

pitching. In the biggest trade of the winter meetings, they acquired right-hander Bret Saberhagen, a two-time Cy Young Award winner in the American League, from Kansas City. The Mets gave up outfielder Kevin McReynolds and infielders Gregg Jefferies and Keith Miller to land Saberhagen, who pitched a no-hitter last year, and utility man Bill Pecota.

And now comes Jeff Torborg, whom some consider the archetype of the modern manager, and new general manager Al Harazin to

Probable Opening Day Lineup

Vince Coleman	CF
Willie Randolph	2B
Bobby Bonilla	LF
Howard Johnson	RF
Eddie Murray	1B
Bill Pecota	3B
Kevin Elster	SS
Todd Hundley	C
David Cone	P

straighten out a team peopled in 1991 by the hypersensitive and the underachieving. A year ago, it was obvious that this was a hopeless mix, and the lack of chemistry was only exacerbated by former manager Bud Harrelson.

"I've gone into this with an open mind," says Torborg, 49, who led an overachieving Chicago White Sox team to consecutive second-place finishes in the American League West in 1990-91. "Things will be done the way I want them done. But in order to get respect, you have to give respect. I'm not going to come in here and jump on people's heads."

Torborg inherited a team that appears to have been rebuilt into a strong contender. He will tailor the Mets to his style, with a passionate belief in pitching, defense and speed. Torborg expects Bonilla, Murray and veteran Howard Johnson to furnish the power.

Sounds plausible. But just a few setbacks, targeted toward the team's shakiest positions—say, a delayed return by Dwight Gooden after shoulder surgery, another prolonged absence by Vince Coleman or Kevin Elster, an inability to live up to advance billing by Todd Hundley—and this club could be an also-ran again.

Here's a look at the Mets, vintage 1992:

STARTING PITCHING

With Gooden, David Cone and now Saberhagen, New York might claim the best trio of right-handed starters in the league. This assumes Gooden will have fully recovered by Opening Day.

Cone arguably has the best stuff in the league, but how can anyone who strikes out 19 batters in one game finish 14-14? No less an authority than Tony Gwynn remarked, "I don't see why Cone couldn't win 30 games some season." Yet Cone, whose ERA was 3.29, is still prone to periodic breakdowns, which are intolerable if the Mets are to contend.

Frank Cashen, former Mets GM, was fond of saying, "When something happens to Dwight Gooden, it resonates through the organization." So the organization continues to hold its collective breath as the Doctor recovers from arthroscopic surgery on a slightly torn rotator cuff. Gooden's (13-7, 3.60) progress will be the story



HOWARD JOHNSON

PETER BROUILLET

of spring training and beyond, but similar case histories indicate that he cannot be the dominant pitcher he once was. In short, if he cannot trust his shoulder, he cannot trust his fastball, which has been the cornerstone of the franchise.

Saberhagen is more than an able replacement for Frank Viola, who signed with Boston in December. The 27-year-old Saberhagen, who won the Cy Young Award in 1985 and '89 and was the '85 World Series MVP, finished 13-8, 3.07 last year. He is 110-78, 3.21 in his eight-year major league career.

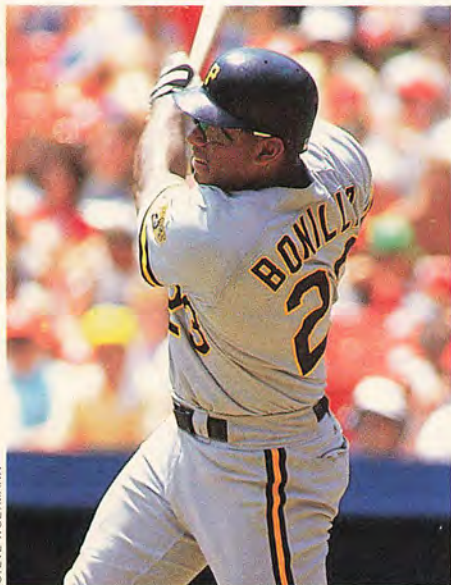
Yet another medical case, Sid Fernandez, is finally showing some professional responsibility. His left knee, which required arthroscopic surgery in September, is reported to be fine; and a three-week stint at a weight-loss camp dropped his weight from 250 to 220. "We're two years into his (\$6.05 million) contract, and he's won 10 games," says Cashen. "There must be some changes in his conditioning if he's to be a pitcher for the Mets or another team."

Pete Schourek (5-4, 4.27) and Anthony Young (2-5, 3.10) probably will compete for the fifth spot in the rotation. Schourek has an excellent left-handed curve, but an improved change-up and another year at Class AAA Tidewater might be needed for him to compete on this level. Young, a right-hander, is a fastball-slider pitcher with great promise, but he's shown a tendency to give up the long ball.

RELIEF PITCHING

John Franco (5-9, 2.93) never was used properly by Harrelson last year. Franco worked all season without a left-handed setup man, but still saved 30 games for a mediocre team. Few closers are as dependable.

Tim Burke (3-3, 2.75 as a Met) pitched well after being acquired from Montreal in a trade on July 15. As Franco's right-handed setup man, he must be consistent.



BOBBY BONILLA



BRET SABERHAGEN

The imposing Terry Bross, a 6-9 right-hander who throws 93 mph fastballs, needs to develop a slider sooner or later if he is to become Franco's successor, which is the club's long-range plan.

If Burke fails, side-arm right-hander Jeff Innis will get first crack at the setup job. Right-hander Wally Whitehurst (7-12, 4.19), anointed as the fifth starter when Ron Darling was traded, failed to win a game for two months. Until an emergency arises, Whitehurst will remain in the bullpen, where he excelled in 1990. Others who will get long looks are left-handers Tony Castillo and Doug Simons.

CATCHING

The job has been handed to Hundley, no strings attached, though questions linger about his offense. "It's the same question every kid has to answer at the major league level," says Gerald Hunsicker, the Mets' director of baseball operations. "But we think Todd's time has come."

The son of former major league catcher Randy Hundley, this 22-year-old switch-hitter had good power numbers at Tidewater (14 home runs, 66 RBI) last year. His defensive ability is the stuff of stardom, but a .133 average (including 14 strikeouts in 60 at-bats) with the Mets

could bring out the skeptic in anyone. The club will rejoice if he hits .240.

INFIELD

First baseman Murray (.260-19-96), who signed a two-year contract worth \$7.5 million, comes to New York after three years with the Los Angeles Dodgers. At 36, he will reach the 400 milestone in home runs early in the season.

One of Torborg's primary objectives is to settle on a defensively sound infield. Having a healthy Elster (.241) at shortstop would help, considering he has few peers defensively at the position.

The Mets signed veteran second baseman Willie Randolph, a free agent who hit .327 for Milwaukee in '91. That could mean that Pecota (.286-6-45 in 125 games) will play third base. He was the Royals' third baseman in 102 games last year. Pecota set a club record with 68 consecutive errorless games at third base. He has played every position at the big league level.

It appeared that Dave Magadan was certain to be traded after the signing of Murray. The departure of Jefferies and Miller changed all that. Now, Magadan (.258-4-51), 1991 first baseman, will get the opportunity to challenge for the third base job. His batting average dropped 70 points from 1990 (.328), as he struggled because of in-

juries to both shoulders. Magadan underwent surgery in September. Another possibility at third base is rookie Chris Donnels, who hit .225 in 89 at-bats for the Mets.

OUTFIELD

Bonilla, who may open in left field, became the highest-paid player in baseball history when he negotiated a contract that will pay him \$29 million over five years. The 29-year-old switch-hitting outfielder-third baseman batted .302 with 18 home runs and 100 RBI for Pittsburgh in 1991.

Johnson's numbers were not far short of awesome (38 home runs, 117 RBI), and that was despite having to change positions twice—from shortstop to third base to right field. Johnson, who batted .259, will stay in right for now. He may not be a Gold Glover there, but the move is his way of showing some of the leadership his team sorely needs.

The Mets actually had a better record with Coleman (.255) on the disabled list (38-34) than they did with him on the roster (39-50). Still, it's easy to forget that he had a .347 on-base percentage and that he played a better center field than most expected. And to be fair, it's hard to judge a player on 278 at-bats.

BENCH

An exchange of outfielders at the winter meetings brought Dave Gallagher of the California Angels (.293), a right-handed batter, to the Mets for Hubie Brooks. The latter hit .238 in '91. Gallagher's best year was 1988, when he batted .303 with the White Sox. Besides serving as an outfield replacement, Gallagher will be a pinch hitter. The Mets cut their payroll in making the deal. Brooks made \$2.3 million in '91, Gallagher \$382,500.

Daryl Boston is a solid outfielder and a breath of fresh air in the clubhouse (What other Met wouldn't complain after being lifted during a game in which he hit a grand slam?).

The left-handed hitting Donnels, the team's top draft pick in '87, owns a line-drive stroke, a good attitude and a reputation for hanging in against southpaws. He enjoyed an outstanding apprenticeship at Tidewater last season. But Donnels needs a position. One possibility is trying him at second base behind Pecota.

Mackey Sasser has emerged as one of the team's best fastball hitters against right-handers, but his inability to return the ball to the pitcher has ended his catching days, and the overstocked outfield will place him on the bench.

Mark Carreon led the team in two categories: pinch-hit homers and most times leaving the park before the game was over (two). He hit only one homer after May 4. Charlie O'Brien calls a good game behind the plate, and the team likes his feistiness, but his anemic bat (.185) may send the club shopping for another No. 2 catcher. Jeff Gardner, a career minor league second baseman, was an International League All-Star who may stick. ■

METS LEADERS '91

Avg.	Miller .280	HR	Johnson 38	RBI	Johnson 117	SB	Coleman 37
ERA	Innis 2.66	Wins	Cone 14	K's	Cone 241	Saves	Franco 30

PITCHERS

No.	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1991 Club	G	IP	W-L	Sv	ERA
46	R-R	6-9	230	3-30-66	New York	8	10.0	0-0	0	1.80
					Tidewater AAA	27	33.0	2-0	2	4.36
					Williamsport AA	20	25.1	2-0	5	2.49
44	R-R	6-3	205	2-19-59	New York	35	55.2	3-3	1	2.75
					Montreal	37	46.0	3-4	5	4.11
36	L-L	5-10	188	3-1-63	New York	10	23.2	1-0	0	1.90
					Atlanta	7	8.2	1-1	0	7.27
					Richmond AAA	23	118.0	5-6	0	2.90
17	L-R	6-1	190	1-2-63	New York	34	232.2	14-14	0	3.29
50	L-L	6-1	230	10-12-62	New York	8	44.0	1-3	0	2.86
					Tidewater AAA	3	15.2	1-0	0	1.15
					Williamsport AA	1	6.0	0-0	0	0.00
					St. Lucie A	1	3.0	0-0	0	0.00
31	L-L	5-10	185	9-17-60	New York	52	55.1	5-9	30	2.93
16	R-R	6-3	210	11-16-64	New York	27	190.0	13-7	0	3.60
32	L-L	6-10	225	4-27-66	Tidewater AAA	27	161.2	5-12	0	4.01
40	R-R	6-1	180	7-5-62	New York	69	84.2	0-2	0	2.66
35	R-R	6-3	195	11-25-68	Williamsport AA	27	165.1	7-9	0	3.97
39	L-L	6-0	185	10-31-64	San Diego	10	11.2	1-1	0	6.94
					Las Vegas AAA	36	68.0	2-4	0	7.54
18	R-R	6-1	200	4-11-64	Kansas City	28	196.1	13-8	0	3.07
48	L-L	6-5	195	5-10-69	New York	35	86.1	5-4	2	4.27
					Tidewater AAA	4	25.0	1-1	0	2.52
43	L-L	6-0	160	9-15-66	New York	42	60.2	2-3	1	5.19
34	R-R	6-2	215	10-13-68	New York	2	2.0	0-0	0	0.00
					Tidewater AAA	26	176.1	10-10	0	3.83
66	R-R	6-3	165	5-24-68	St. Lucie A	56	64.0	3-2	25	0.28
63	R-R	6-8	210	2-1-70	St. Lucie A	22	140.1	11-8	0	2.24
47	R-R	6-3	195	4-11-64	New York	36	133.1	7-12	1	4.19
19	R-R	6-2	200	1-19-66	New York	10	49.1	2-5	0	3.10
					Tidewater AAA	25	164.0	7-9	0	3.73

CATCHERS

	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	Club	G	AB	Avg.	HR	RBI	SB
64	R-R	6-1	185	5-7-70	St. Lucie A	115	406	.239	7	55	4
8	S-R	5-11	185	5-27-69	New York	21	60	.133	1	7	0
					Tidewater AAA	125	454	.273	14	66	1
5	R-R	6-2	190	5-1-61	New York	69	168	.185	2	14	0
2	L-R	6-1	210	8-3-62	New York	96	228	.272	5	35	0

INFIELDERS

	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	Club	G	AB	Avg.	HR	RBI	SB
13	R-R	6-0	170	1-10-67	Tidewater AAA	65	210	.171	0	13	0
23	L-R	6-0	185	4-21-66	New York	37	89	.225	0	5	1
					Tidewater AAA	84	287	.303	8	56	1
15	R-R	6-2	200	8-3-64	New York	115	348	.241	6	36	2
26	R-R	6-3	210	9-25-61	Tidewater AAA	107	368	.272	12	62	0
18	L-R	6-3	200	9-30-62	New York	124	418	.258	4	51	1
33	S-R	6-2	222	2-24-56	Los Angeles	153	576	.260	19	96	10
65	S-R	5-10	155	9-12-70	Williamsport AA	128	482	.288	2	42	42
3	R-R	5-10	165	11-10-64	Montreal	67	95	.242	1	2	2
32	R-R	6-2	190	2-16-60	Kansas City	125	398	.286	6	45	16
30	R-R	5-11	165	7-6-54	Milwaukee	124	431	.327	0	54	4

OUTFIELDERS

	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	Club	G	AB	Avg.	HR	RBI	SB
25	S-R	6-3	240	2-23-63	Pittsburgh	157	577	.302	18	100	2
6	L-L	6-3	205	1-4-63	New York	137	255	.275	4	21	15
45	R-L	6-0	195	7-9-63	New York	106	254	.260	4	21	2
1	S-R	6-1	185	9-22-61	New York	72	278	.255	1	17	37
27	R-R	6-0	184	9-20-60	California	90	270	.293	1	30	2
62	S-R	5-11	155	8-31-68	Williamsport AA	70	274	.281	1	26	27
					St. Lucie A	62	246	.220	0	10	37
20	S-R	5-10	195	11-29-60	New York	156	564	.259	38	117	30

Manager: Jeff Torborg

Coaches: Mike Cabbage, Barry Foote, Dave LaRoche, Tom McCraw, Mel Stottlmyre



By BOB HERTZEL
Pittsburgh Press

A year ago the Pittsburgh Pirates possessed baseball's best record with their second straight National League East title.

So why are the Pirates being picked to fall flat on their faces? Could losing free agent Bobby Bonilla to the New York Mets mean that much?

Manager Jim Leyland says no.

"Everybody's probably laughing at us, feeling sorry for us," says Leyland. "But we've still got Barry Bonds, Jose Lind, Andy Van Slyke, John Smiley, Doug Drabek, Jay Bell, Orlando Merced and Steve Buechele. It's not like we're all of a sudden a bad team. I think we're good. Real good."

But are they good enough? That's the question they must answer with Bonds playing his last season before free agency and with a revamped lineup trying to cover up the loss of Bonilla's .302 batting average, 102 runs scored and 100 RBI.

STARTING PITCHING

If the Pirates are to repeat as NL East champions in 1992, they will do it with their starting pitching. When Leyland says, "We'll be as good as our pitching," he isn't just resorting to a cliché. He knows that his entire club must be built around pitching and defense.

"On paper our pitching is not as good as the

Probable Opening Day Lineup

Orlando Merced	RF
Jay Bell	SS
Andy Van Slyke	CF
Barry Bonds	LF
Steve Buechele	3B
Jeff King	1B
Mike LaValliere	C
Jose Lind	2B
Doug Drabek	P

Mets," Leyland says, "but we won't play this thing on paper."

While the Pirates may not have Doc Gooden, Bret Saberhagen, David Cone and Sid Fernandez on their staff, they have accounted for more 20-victory seasons over the last two years than that foursome. A year ago the Pirates had four of their starters among the league's top 13 in ERA.

In fact, a starting rotation of 1990 Cy Young winner Drabek, 1991 20-game winner Smiley, Zane Smith, Bob Walk and Randy Tomlin is as solid as any in the league. Pittsburgh's starters went 68-41, a .624 winning percentage. Their ERA was 3.15.

Smiley (20-8, 3.08) was the staff's top winner as he reached 20 wins for the first time in his career. Despite playoff failures, Smiley figures to build on that.

Drabek entered the 1991 season carrying the Cy Young Award, and it proved to be too much of a burden for him to repeat his 22-6 record of 1990. "I was trying to be perfect with every pitch," Drabek says.

Drabek (15-14, 3.07) started slowly but rallied in the second half.

Smith (16-10, 3.20), with a four-year, \$10.5 million contract in his pocket, became the league's premier control pitcher, allowing only 29 walks in 228 innings. He gave the Pirates all they had hoped for.

Walk (9-2, 3.60), who has matured into a leader, had an excellent season between stays on the disabled list with leg injuries. He tested free agency but re-signed with Pittsburgh.

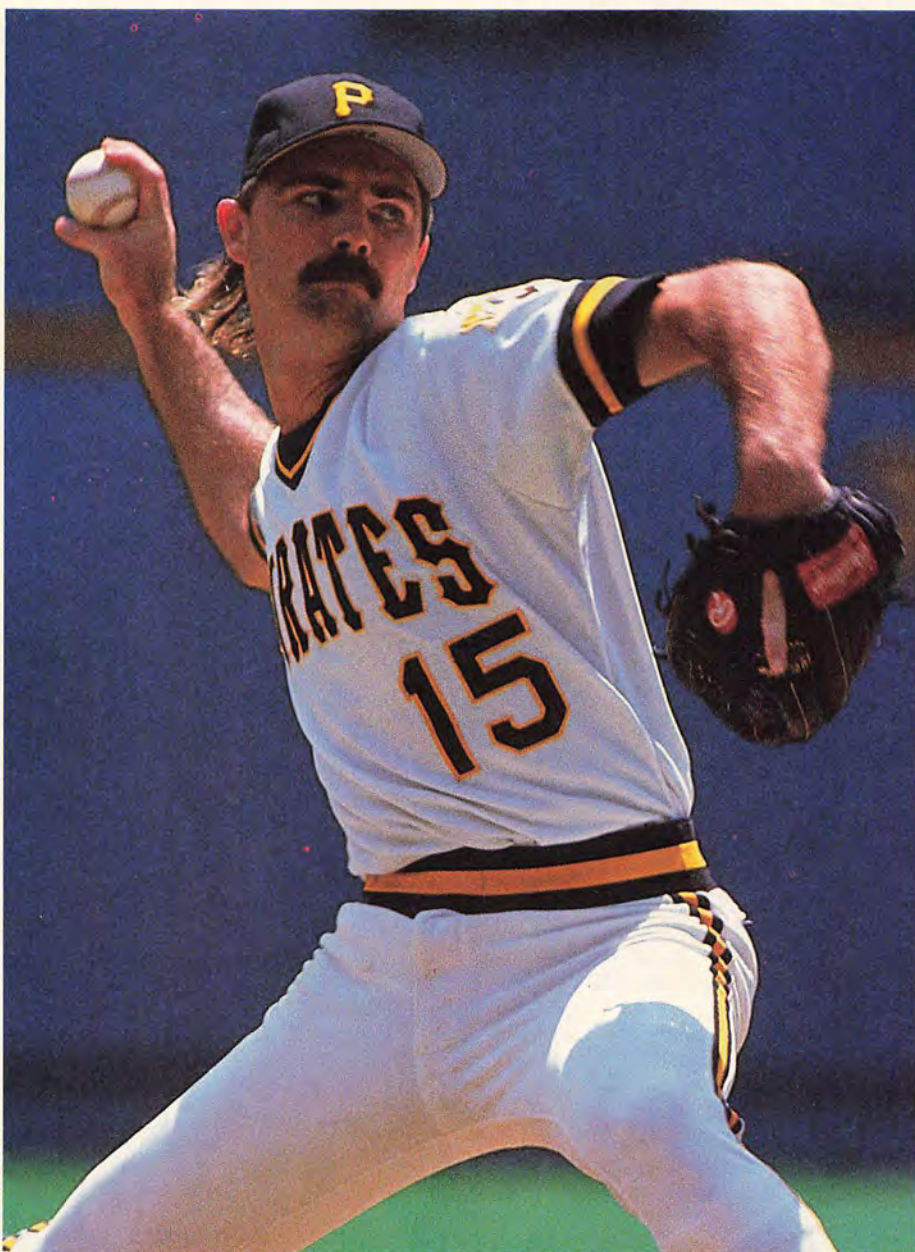
Tomlin (8-7, 2.98), whose unorthodox delivery creates all sorts of problems for left-handed hitters, filled out the rotation.

RELIEF PITCHING

Some observers said the Pirates did not have a stopper last year. Bonilla thought that Leyland deserved to be Manager of the Year "for what he did without a stopper in an age when, to win, everyone has a dominant closer."

Leyland disagrees. "I had two stoppers," he says.

Through the first half of the season, Bill Landrum (4-4, 3.18) was his closer. Through the



DOUG DRABEK

CHARLES CUPPETT



BARRY BONDS

second half, it was a rapidly maturing Stan Belinda (7-5, 3.45). The two right-handers combined for 33 saves, and the Pirates tied for the league-high with 51.

Leyland is hoping that Belinda, 25, young for a stopper, will blossom this year into a dominant reliever.

The Pirate manager experimented by using an 11-man pitching staff with six relievers, the idea being to keep everyone fresh. He seldom used a pitcher more than two days in a row.

This year will be no different. Along with Landrum and Belinda, Pittsburgh will use right-hander Roger Mason (3-2, 3.03), a veteran who was recalled from Buffalo in August and was a major contributor down the stretch.

Left-hander Rosario Rodriguez (1-1, 4.11), 22, acquired from Cincinnati in December 1990, also helped late in the season. Veterans Bob Patterson (4-3, 4.11) and Neal Heaton (3-3, 4.33) give left-handed support.

Vicente Palacios (6-3, 3.75), on the verge

of becoming a major contributor, offers depth.

CATCHING

Mike LaValliere (.289-3-41) hits from the left side, Don Slaught (.295-1-29) from the right, and the two combine to give Pittsburgh as solid a catching duo as there is in the league.

Their main strength is defense. LaValliere, who won a Gold Glove in 1987, led the league in fielding percentage last year and is acknowledged to be as good as anyone in the game at handling a pitching staff. Pittsburgh pitchers ranked second in the league in ERA and allowed the fewest walks. As a free agent, LaValliere accepted salary arbitration and agreed to a three-year, \$6.3 million contract.

INFIELD

The strength of any team can be measured best up the middle. It is there that the Pirates' foundation lies. Their pitching, their catching, their center fielder and their double-play combina-

tion give them a backbone that wins championships.

Winning the NL East twice may be a tribute to the abilities of shortstop Bell and second baseman Lind, overlooked in the midst of a team of stars. Neither player has reached the prime of his career, but each is near the top at his position.

Lind's (.265-3-54) defensive ability draws comparison with Chicago Cubs second baseman Ryne Sandberg. "No one covers the ground that Jose Lind covers," says Leyland.

Bell (.270-16-67) emerged last year as a star, not only playing steady shortstop but also becoming an offensive force. Known for his bunting ability, Bell flexed his muscles as well last summer. He led the major leagues with 30 sacrifice bunts (nobody else was close) and walked only 52 times.

Third base has been a problem for the Pirates since the days of Bill Madlock. The problem was solved last Aug. 30 when Pittsburgh sent pitching prospects Kurt Miller and Hector Fajardo to the Texas Rangers for Buechele, probably the best defensive third baseman in the game. Then, in the off-season, they re-signed free agent Buechele to a four-year contract worth \$11 million.

Buechele had a career year. He batted .246 in 31 games with the Pirates with four home runs and 19 RBI. With the Rangers in 121 games, his figures were .267-18-66.

Pittsburgh has moved Jeff King (.239-4-18), the Pirates' first-round draft choice in 1986, from third base to first. King is expected to recover



ANDY VAN SLYKE

fully from postseason surgery to repair a ruptured disc.

OUTFIELD

With Bonilla, Bonds and Van Slyke, the Pirates have owned arguably the best outfield in baseball for the past two years. Bonilla and Bonds flanked Van Slyke, the best defensive outfielder in the league with four straight Gold Glove awards to prove it.

The burden of replacing Bonilla falls mainly upon switch-hitting Orlando Merced (.275-10-50), runner-up last year to Houston's Jeff Bagwell for NL Rookie of the Year. Merced not only filled a hole at first base last year but also served as the team's leadoff hitter. While not the stereotypical leadoff man, he compiled a .373 on-base percentage and scored 83 runs despite being used in a platoon situation.

Merced is used to playing the outfield, and the Pirates believe he can play right field defensively as capably as Bonilla. Merced will platoon with Gary Redus (.246-7-24), who leads off against left-handers and, like Merced, is normally an outfielder, although he played more often at first base in 1991. The Pirates are hoping that Buechele and King can make up about 70 to 80 percent of Bonilla's offensive production while Redus and Merced fill in on defense.

Of course, Bonds is the best player in the NL in the opinion of many observers. The NL MVP runner-up batted .292 with 25 home runs and 116 RBI. Even though he probably will leave at the end of the season as a free agent, Pittsburgh has been reluctant to trade the left fielder.

"We're not going to give him away," says Leyland. "I'm prepared to play the 1992 season with Barry Bonds, and I think that will happen. It might be his best season ever, and I'd rather he have it for us than someone else."

Van Slyke will play center field again. The 31-year-old left-handed batter hit .265 with 17 home runs and 83 RBI.

BENCH

The one characteristic Leyland has as a manager that differentiates him from many is the way he uses his bench.

"If you are here, you will play," he says.

A year ago, Pittsburgh's bench was crucial in winning the division. The Pirates' two best players off the bench last year were power-hitting Lloyd McClendon (.288-7-24) and Gary Varsho (.273-4-23). Both were acquired from the Cubs.

Redus and McClendon were the top pinch hitters, Redus hitting .290 off the bench.

Curtis Wilkerson served as the backup infielder last year but he is gone. Replacing him is utility man Carlos Garcia, who batted .250 in 24 at-bats.

Leyland may also keep John Wehner, a third baseman who was called up in an emergency. He hit .340 before suffering a season-ending back injury. ■

PIRATES LEADERS '91

Avg.	Bonilla .302	HR	Bonds 25	RBI	Bonds 116	SB	Bonds 43
ERA	Tomlin 2.98	Wins	Smiley 20	K's	Drabek 142	Saves	Landrum 17

PITCHERS

No.	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1991 Club	G	IP	W-L	Sv	ERA
60	R-R	6-1	205	12-9-65	Buffalo AAA	22	30.1	2-2	3	3.86
					Carolina AA	3	3.0	0-0	2	0.00
					Rockford A	23	133.2	11-5	0	4.04
					Pittsburgh	60	78.1	7-5	16	3.45
					Buffalo AAA	19	24.0	1-2	0	3.75
					Omaha AAA	6	13.0	1-1	0	4.15
					Carolina AA	20	28.1	0-2	12	1.91
15	R-R	6-1	185	7-25-62	Pittsburgh	35	234.2	15-14	0	3.07
26	L-L	6-1	205	3-3-60	Pittsburgh	42	68.2	3-3	0	4.33
43	R-R	6-2	205	8-17-58	Pittsburgh	61	76.1	4-4	17	3.18
48	R-R	6-6	220	9-18-58	Pittsburgh	24	29.2	3-2	3	3.03
					Buffalo AAA	34	122.2	9-5	0	3.08
64	R-R	6-5	215	4-27-65	Pittsburgh	1	5.0	0-0	0	5.40
					Buffalo AAA	10	67.0	5-2	0	1.48
					Carolina AA	15	89.1	7-2	0	2.42
58	R-R	6-3	195	7-19-63	Pittsburgh	36	81.2	6-3	3	3.75
					Buffalo AAA	3	6.1	0-0	2	1.42
38	R-L	6-2	192	5-16-59	Pittsburgh	54	65.2	4-3	2	4.11
34	R-R	6-0	205	8-16-64	Pittsburgh	1	4.1	0-0	0	10.38
					Buffalo AAA	25	167.2	14-4	0	2.15
30	R-L	6-0	195	7-8-69	Pittsburgh	18	15.1	1-1	6	4.11
					Buffalo AAA	48	51.0	4-3	8	3.00
35	R-R	6-5	200	9-12-63	Buffalo AAA	33	48.0	5-4	8	3.56
					Carolina AA	20	25.2	2-4	6	4.91
57	L-L	6-4	200	3-17-65	Pittsburgh	33	207.2	20-8	0	3.08
41	L-L	6-2	200	12-28-60	Pittsburgh	35	228.0	16-10	0	3.20
29	L-L	5-11	179	6-14-66	Pittsburgh	31	175.0	8-7	0	2.98
17	R-R	6-4	217	11-26-56	Pittsburgh	25	115.0	9-2	0	3.60

CATCHERS

						G	AB	Avg.	HR	RBI	SB
12	L-R	5-10	210	8-18-60	Pittsburgh	108	336	.289	3	41	2
14	R-R	5-11	185	8-13-64	Pittsburgh	26	34	.265	1	2	0
					Buffalo AAA	80	221	.208	6	32	3
77	S-R	5-11	196	10-19-67	Carolina AA	98	323	.217	3	31	1
11	R-R	6-1	190	9-11-58	Pittsburgh	77	220	.295	1	29	1

INFELDERS

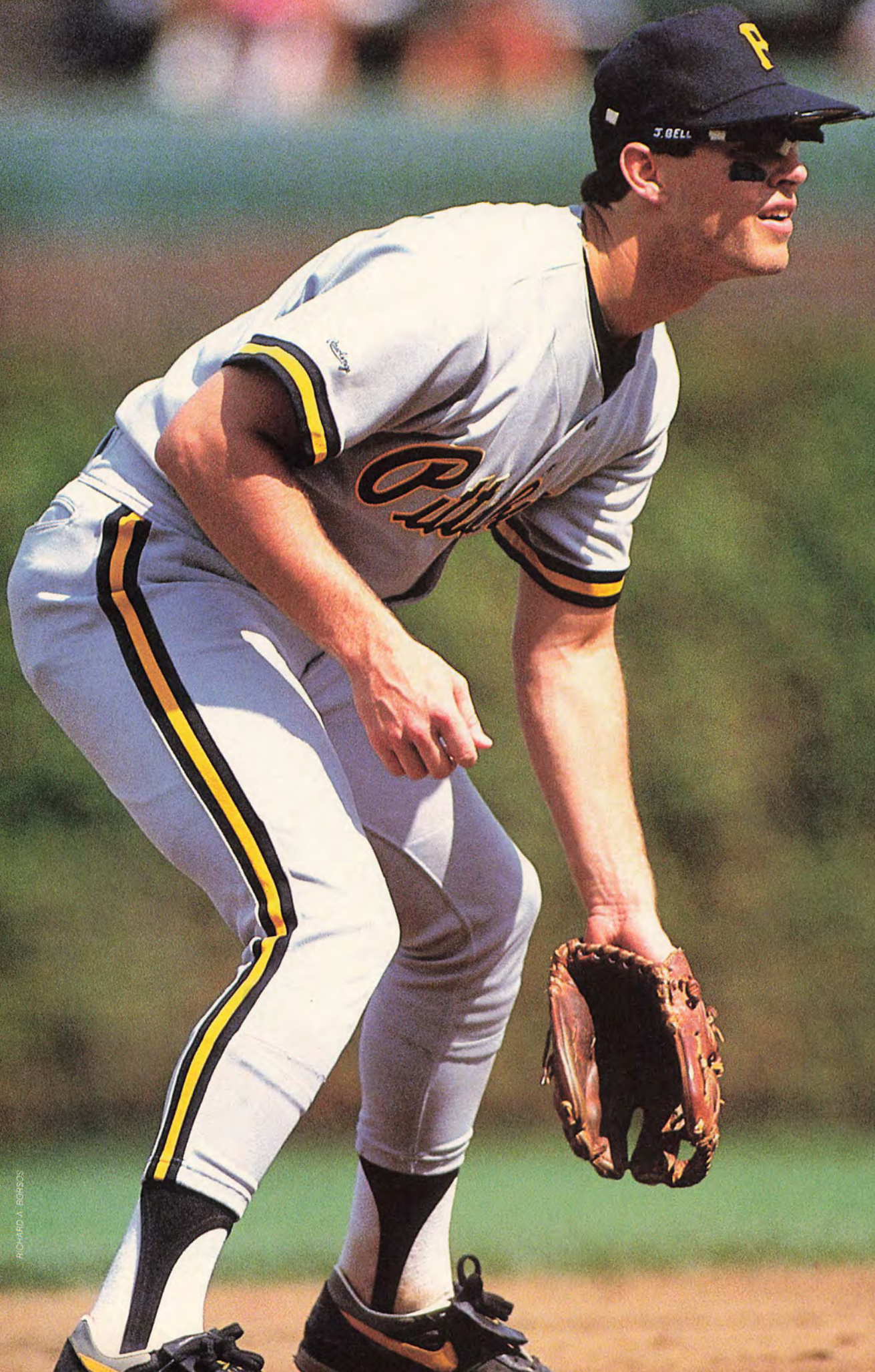
3	R-R	6-1	185	12-11-65	Pittsburgh	157	608	.270	16	67	10
22	R-R	6-2	200	9-26-61	Pittsburgh	31	114	.246	4	19	0
					Texas	121	416	.267	18	66	0
51	R-R	6-1	185	10-15-67	Pittsburgh	12	24	.250	0	1	0
					Buffalo AAA	127	463	.266	7	60	30
7	R-R	6-1	185	12-26-64	Pittsburgh	33	109	.239	4	18	3
					Buffalo AAA	9	18	.222	0	2	1
13	R-R	5-11	175	5-1-64	Pittsburgh	150	502	.265	3	54	7
6	S-R	5-11	175	11-2-66	Pittsburgh	120	411	.275	10	50	8
					Buffalo AAA	3	12	.167	0	0	1
2	R-R	6-1	195	11-1-56	Pittsburgh	98	252	.246	7	24	17
27	R-R	6-2	180	8-26-65	Pittsburgh	6	4	.250	0	0	0
					Buffalo AAA	62	186	.258	1	24	5
	R-L	6-3	210	9-21-69	Carolina AA	55	169	.231	1	19	2
					Salem A	65	203	.261	14	56	3
52	R-R	6-3	204	6-29-67	Pittsburgh	37	106	.340	0	7	3
					Buffalo AAA	31	112	.304	1	15	6
					Carolina AA	61	234	.265	3	21	17

OUTFIELDERS

24	L-L	6-1	190	7-24-64	Pittsburgh	153	510	.292	25	116	43
47	L-L	6-2	200	12-25-68	Pittsburgh	11	4	.000	0	0	1
					Salem A	39	156	.333	2	15	15
					Augusta A	95	384	.284	1	36	48
	L-L	6-2	220	11-24-67	Richmond AAA	44	151	.278	5	18	11
					Greenville AA	86	301	.243	7	38	19
23	R-R	5-11	210	1-11-59	Pittsburgh	85	163	.288	7	24	2
	S-R	5-9	205	12-6-66	New York	23	29	.207	0	2	2
					Tidewater AAA	118	399	.248	9	42	17
	R-R	6-1	180	10-15-69	Carolina AA	24	93	.215	0	9	7
					Salem A	88	352	.293	2	23	35
18	L-R	6-2	195	12-21-60	Pittsburgh	138	491	.265	17	83	10
42	L-R	5-11	190	6-20-61	Pittsburgh	99	187	.273	4	23	9

Manager: Jim Leyland

Coaches: Terry Collins, Rich Donnelly, Milt May, Ray Miller, Tommy Sandt



Pittsburgh Rings With Jay Bell's Newfound Fame

By BOB HERTZEL
The Pittsburgh Press

One June night in Montreal, Jay Bell hit his eighth home run, placing him two behind Pittsburgh Pirates team leader Barry Bonds. This was a feat not to be sneezed at, for also performing on that club, besides Bonds, were such talents as Bobby Bonilla and Andy Van Slyke.

That was not all Bell did that evening. He added two singles, drove in two runs and handled 11 chances flawlessly at shortstop.

That same night, Cincinnati's Barry Larkin hit three home runs. Such has been the life of Jay Bell, who has spent a major league lifetime operating in the shadows. He's a commoner, hardly a household name, in a game with royalty playing his position: Ozzie Smith, Cal Ripken Jr., Alan Trammell and Larkin.

If Bell has a claim to fame, it is because he has revived the sacrifice bunt, an offensive weapon that has come to be reserved only for players who cannot do much else with a bat. Bell has become, as a San Diego newspaper headline put it, "the Babe Ruth of Bunt."

Last October, as highly paid, highly publicized teammates Bonds, Bonilla and Van Slyke were handcuffed in the National League playoffs for the second straight year, Bell emerged as the only reliable offensive weapon in manager Jim Leyland's arsenal.

Bell hit .414 with 12 hits, including a home run and two doubles, and one RBI. Bonds, Van Slyke and Bonilla combined for a .200 average, 15 hits, one home run and three RBI.

"The last couple of years I've learned my limitations and my strengths," Bell says. "Now I try to build on my strengths."

Baseball always has been Jay Bell's game. His father was in the Air Force. Jay and his brother, Jeff, moved from Air Force base to Air Force base.

In Gallarate, Italy, in the shadow of the Alps, the Bell brothers owned the only baseball bat in town, plastic though it was.

"I was afraid Jeff and Jay wouldn't be accustomed to American-type sports," says Ronald Bell, their father. "I didn't want them growing up without baseball."

By the time Jay had reached high school age, the family had settled in Pensacola, Fla. Bell

was a star on a Tate High School team that went 38-1, won the state championship and achieved a No. 1 national ranking by one publication.

Despite Bell's .500-plus average, there were whispers among scouts: "Not quick enough to play shortstop." . . . "He'll wind up at third base someday."

Bell heard the whispers and set about to prove the scouts wrong. He began to take 150 to 200 extra ground balls at shortstop. He worked on his footwork, on his ability to dive for the ball and scramble to his feet.

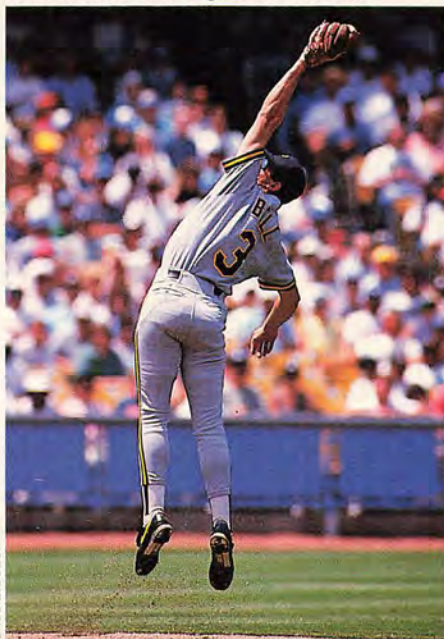
"I've never seen anybody work like Jay did," says Randy Putnam, then the coach at Tate.

All the extra work didn't pay off immediately. Well-remembered by Bell is the 1985 season, his second in the minor leagues.

"I was a terrible infielder then," Bell admits. He committed 59 errors that season. And the next two seasons, he led two leagues in errors.

Hard work would earn Bell a promotion to the Cleveland Indians in 1986, and he became the

Bell reached new highs last season.



GREG LABOUEF



CHARLES CUPPITT

Larkin will return Bell's slide in kind.

11th player in major league history to hit the first pitch thrown to him (by Bert Blyleven) for a home run.

When the Pirates traded infielder Felix Fermin to Cleveland for Bell in early 1989, it was greeted with sarcasm and criticism by the Pittsburgh media.

One story pointed out that Bell hit .218 for the Indians in 1988, that he was removed 20 times for a pinch hitter and that his .186 average before the All-Star break was the lowest in the major leagues. Another article reported: "There are some major questions about the 23-year-old's ability to play the middle infield in the big leagues. He lacks quickness and soft hands."

When Bell opened the 1989 season 1 for 20, Pittsburgh fans were calling for the return of Sammy Khalifa or Johnnie LeMaster or Rey Quinones. Bell was sent down to Buffalo, the Pirates' triple-A club.

"Buffalo was good for me," Bell says. "One of the key people I met was Hal McRae (then the Pirates' minor league hitting instructor, today manager of the Kansas City Royals)."

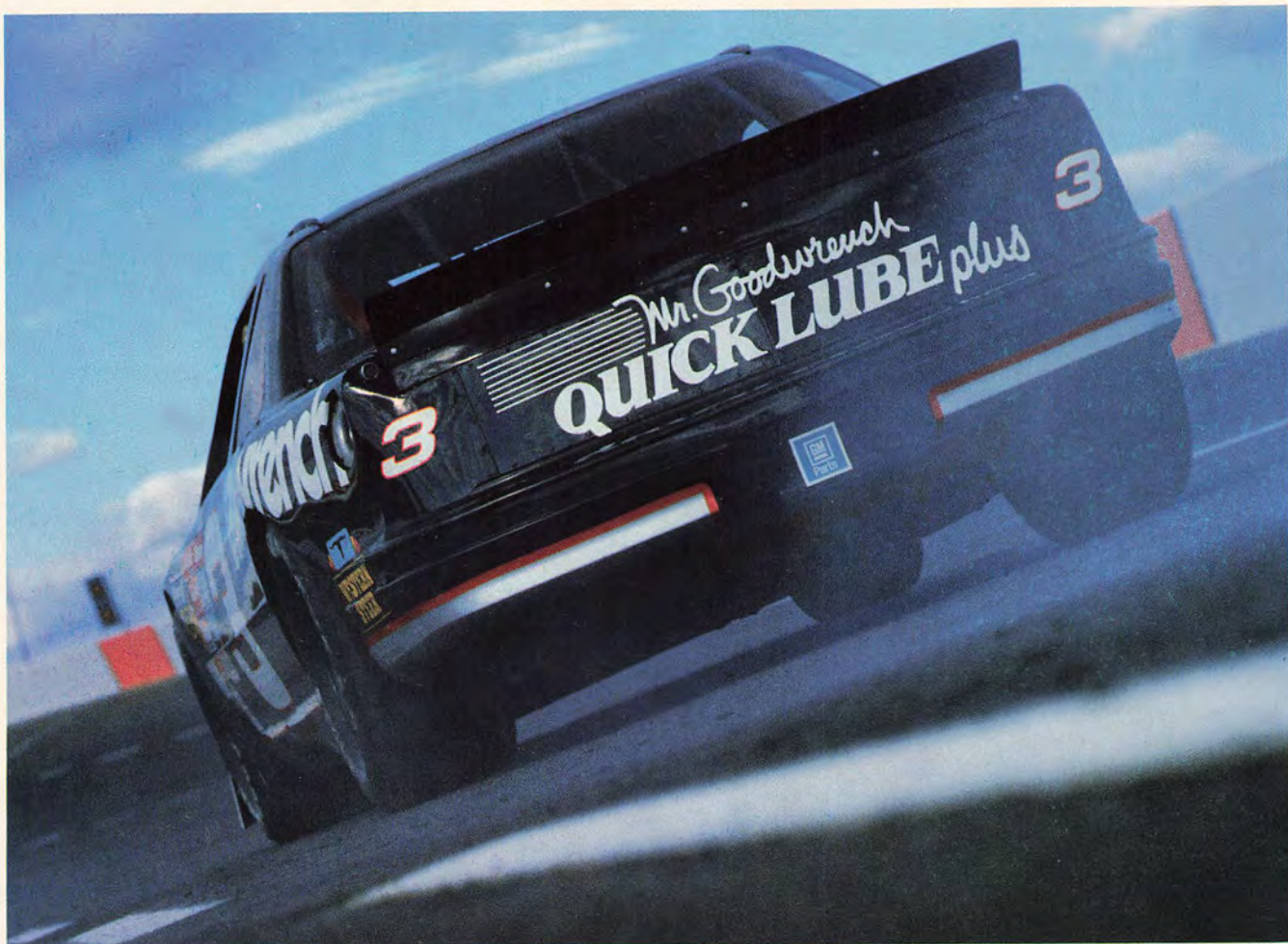
Bell recovered from that start to finish 1989 in Pittsburgh, hitting .258 in 78 games. The next season Bell reinvented the sacrifice bunt, leading the major leagues with 39 and setting a club record. The mark he broke was set in 1906, surviving 84 years.

As 1991 dawned, Bell was still the Pirates' secret weapon—calm, quiet, a devoutly religious family man off the field but on it going into fits of rage at the smallest setback. Often players in the dugout had to scatter when a thrown helmet or bat came spinning their way.

Bell's intensity and hard work finally paid off in '91. He set personal major league career highs in average (.270), home runs (16) and RBI (67). And he laid down 30 sacrifice bunts.

Then, to cap it off, a Pittsburgh-best playoff performance.

Jay Bell has become a star. ■



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ST. LOUIS CARDINALS



By MIKE EISENBATH
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

By the time the first pitch was thrown in 1991, nearly everyone had written off the St. Louis Cardinals. Only the brave dared pick them to finish as high as fifth in the National League East.

Manager Joe Torre was there to teach all the young players, observers figured, and see if they had what it took to make the Cardinals a winner someday.

But the future came much more quickly than anyone anticipated. True, St. Louis finished 14 games back of the Pittsburgh Pirates. However, the Cardinals also finished six games ahead of No. 3 Philadelphia, in second place. Who would have expected that?

With all of that in mind, who knows what to expect in 1992?

Will St. Louis mirror recent youthful Montreal and Baltimore teams, which surprised everyone by contending one season only to drop deep into the standings the next? Or was last season just a hint of what is in store? Can the Cardinals take advantage of a weakening division and recapture the success they enjoyed in the 1980s?

"We need to score with a little more regularity," Torre says. "We need consistency in our offense. If we do that, play as well as we can, it might be like last year: All of a sudden, we might be in a pennant race."

STARTING PITCHING

"I think our pitching will be better," Torre says. "And that was a pretty big surprise last season."

Pitching is clearly the strength of the team, particularly because of depth. And if Joe Magrane returns from elbow surgery that cost him the entire 1991 season, the pitching staff should be even stronger. Three other young hurlers could vie for a spot in the rotation before long.

For the second half of last season, 24-year-old Omar Olivares was clearly the team's best starting pitcher. He finished with an 11-7 record and 3.71 earned-run average—that after an ERA of more than 5.00 got him sent back early to triple A.

"Without a doubt, Olivares became our best," Torre says. "He went by everybody in the sec-

ond half. As he became more confident, his natural stuff took over."

Whether Olivares can be dominating and consistent enough to be the staff ace remains to be seen. Certainly the rest of the staff doesn't feature a Roger Clemens-like pitcher, although it's a solid group.

Bryn Smith (12-9, 3.85) is expected to equal his 1991 win total at least. Bob Tewksbury, in his first full big-league season, pitched much better than his 11-12 record indicates, as evidenced by a 3.25 ERA and just 38 walks in 191 innings.

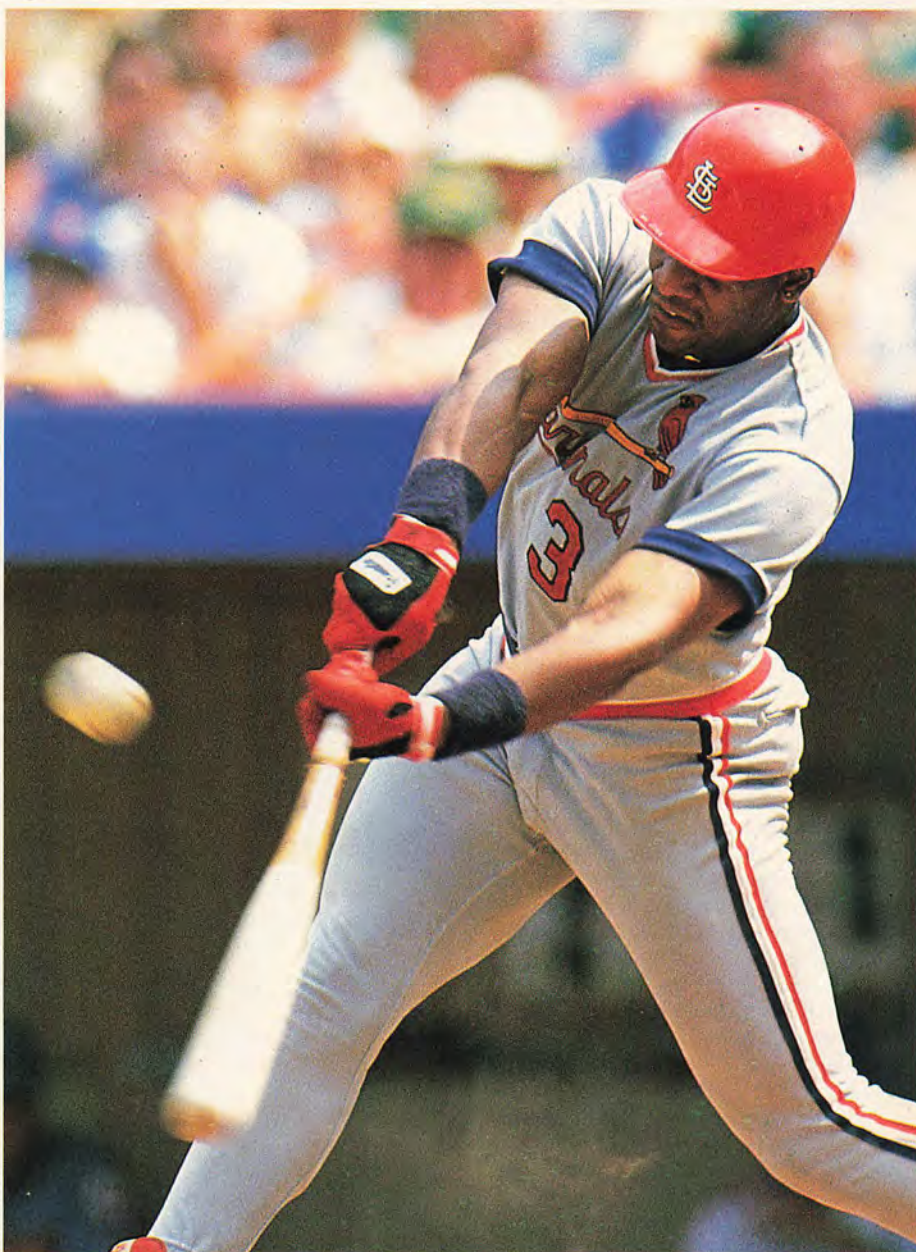
Jose DeLeon also continued his baffling ways. Despite a 2.71 ERA, he can't seem to find a way

to win a game. He went 5-9 in 1991 and has won just six of 45 starts since midseason in 1990.

Rheal Cormier seems assured of a spot in the rotation, since he was the lone left-hander in the mix last season. Cormier didn't reach the big leagues until August and notched a 4-5 record in St. Louis, but the French-Canadian rookie played with composure and control (38 strikeouts and only eight walks in 67⅓ innings).

Torre is confident that Magrane will return to his old form. Before his injury, Magrane was considered one of the league's best left-handers and the team's top starter.

If some of the expected starters falter, the Cardinals could dip into their farm system for

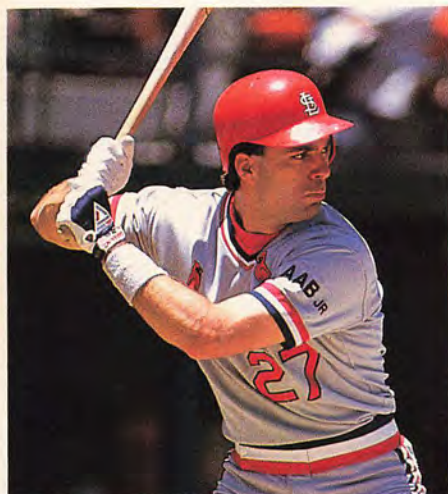


FELIX JOSE

Probable Opening Day Lineup

Ray Lankford	CF
Ozzie Smith	SS
Felix Jose	RF
Pedro Guerrero	LF
Todd Zeile	3B
Andres Galarraga	1B
Tom Pagnozzi	C
Jose Oquendo	2B
Omar Olivares	P

SCOTT J. LEVY



TODD ZEILE

assistance. Right-hander Mark Clark showed encouraging signs during two starts last September. In addition, left-handers Mike Milchin and Donovan Osborne are two solid minor league prospects.

RELIEF PITCHING

Lee Smith clearly was the top closer in the major leagues last year. He finished second in Cy Young Award balloting.

Smith set an NL record with 47 saves. He has blown only 11 of 85 save opportunities in two seasons with St. Louis, and despite being 34, he keeps improving. Already possessing a 90-plus mph fastball and a nasty slider, Smith is adding a split-fingered fastball.

"Let's hope we give him the chance to save 45 games this year," Torre says. "We have to assume he'll do it again, because we won't get as far if he doesn't."

Right-handed setup pitchers Cris Carpenter and Scott Terry were remarkably effective last year. Carpenter rarely allowed an inherited runner to score and compiled a 10-4 record. Though perhaps overworked, Terry (4-4, 2.80) was impeccable most of the first two-thirds of the season.

When the Cardinals signed left-hander Juan Agosto during mid-December of 1990, they thought they had acquired one of the top middle relievers in the game. He delivered the quantity of innings club officials had anticipated (86), but the quality was disappointing (4.81 ERA).

"He had a terrible year, but I'm confident Juan will come back well," Torre says. "I was pleased we were able to get him."

Regardless, the Cardinals will be looking for another left-hander. Last season's work by Bob McClure was competent but not a long-term solution. Frank DiPino, who spent last season on the disabled list, could help. So could hard-throwing right-hander Todd Worrell, who hopes to return from elbow surgery having not pitched since September of 1989.

CATCHING

Tom Pagnozzi, in his first season as a regular catcher and fifth as a major leaguer, proved to be a solid everyday player. He set career highs in just about every offensive category, and his 57 RBI were the most by a Cardinal catcher since 1984. Every move the club made for 1991 and the future was predicated on Pagnozzi's ability to handle the rigors of daily play and serve well defensively.

Pagnozzi (.264) exceeded expectations. He handles pitchers capably and is as fundamentally sound as any catcher in baseball. He threw out 47 percent of would-be base stealers.

"We thought he could handle pitchers and could throw," Torre says. "What we didn't know was that he'd hit over a whole season. We're fine at that position now. Rich Gedman can be Tom's backup."

Despite a .106 average in 94 at-bats, Gedman is a left-handed hitter with promise. Three of his 10 hits were home runs. He played in 46 games last year and started 27.

INFIELD

Torre says the thing that concerns him the most is his team's need for "a little more thump in the offense. The way some pitchers shut us down wasn't good."

St. Louis hopes that first baseman Andres Galarraga, obtained in a November trade for

starting pitcher Ken Hill, will fill the need for an offensive threat. Torre says Pedro Guerrero (.272-8-70), his 1991 first baseman, will play left field in '92. The manager wants Galarraga (.219-9-33) to be the slugger he was from 1988-90, when he hit 72 homers and drove in 264 runs for Montreal. The 30-year-old right-handed hitter's record in six seasons with the Expos was .269-106-433.

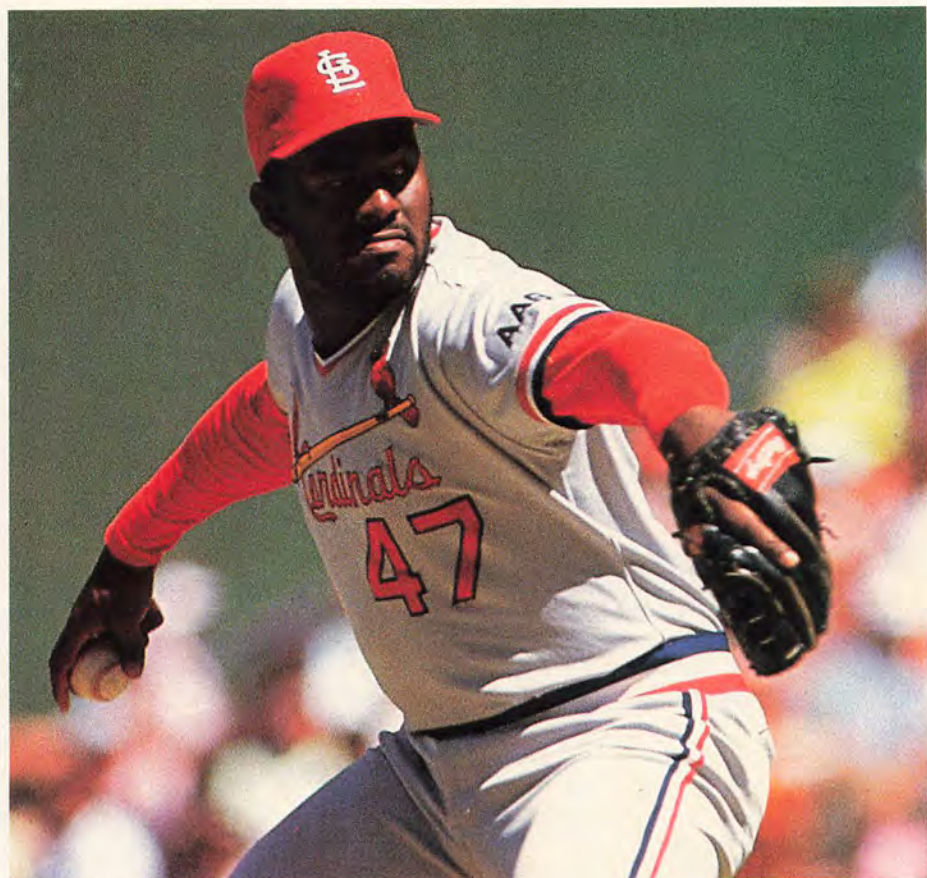
Gerald Perry (.240) filled in adequately at first base last season, taking over after Guerrero went out with a broken leg.

Second baseman Jose Oquendo struggled most of 1991 with a .240 average that was below his career mark by 21 points. Oquendo is sure-fielding, but he doesn't have a particularly wide range and isn't a strong base runner.

The left side of the infield could be as good as any in the league. Todd Zeile (.280-11-81) successfully moved from behind the plate to third base last year. Zeile can hold his own defensively and showed steady offensive progress.

At age 36, Ozzie Smith was at the top of his game last season. His range perhaps has decreased, but he committed a league-record-low eight errors in 639 chances (.987). Smith batted .285, drove in 50 runs and stole 35 bases.

"He sure played well, didn't he?" Torre says. "There's no reason to think he can't do that again."



LEE SMITH

OUTFIELD

The St. Louis outfield features two of the brightest young stars in the game. Center fielder Ray Lankford, in Torre's opinion the NL's best rookie last season, and right fielder Felix Jose have not yet begun to realize their full potential.

Lankford was touted before 1991 as the league's top incoming rookie. Only his batting average (.251) kept him from winning the Rookie of the Year award. He belted nine homers, drove in 69 runs and stole 44 bases. At times, his defense was spectacular.

"He does so many things," Torre says. "This kid is going to hit 15 to 20 homers and steal upwards of 50 bases. He established himself in center field, and he gave us the leadoff hitter we desperately needed."

Jose (.305-8-77), acquired from Oakland late in the 1990 season in the trade for Willie McGee, provided a better batting average but less power than the Cardinals had expected. He figures to sacrifice some of his average in exchange for more power in coming years. Jose's powerful build, speed on the bases and solid stroke make him a potential big bat in the lineup.

Left field had Torre in a quandary until Guerrero, who had taken free agency, accepted arbitration, binding him to the Cardinals. Torre then said Guerrero would be his left fielder.

Rookie Bernard Gilkey started the 1991 season entrenched there and in the leadoff spot. Torre is convinced Gilkey will be a .300 hitter.

If Guerrero hadn't returned, Gilkey probably would have platooned with Milt Thompson. Thompson batted just .218 in 1990 and figured to play solely off the bench last year. But his .307 average and 34 RBI in 326 at-bats in 1991 earned him a semi-regular role.

BENCH

Of all the reserve players, Geronimo Pena (.243) might be the most important. Not only will he fill in at second base and left field with solid late-inning defense, but also he will provide a good bat. That is, if he doesn't work his way into the everyday lineup.

Torre says Pena reminds him of the first time he saw Los Angeles' Eric Davis because of the way the ball jumps off the former's right-handed bat. The switch-hitting Pena needs to improve his stroke from the left side of the plate.

Rex Hudler, Luis Alicea, Craig Wilson, Tim Jones, Perry and perhaps Stan Royer could figure in reserve roles. Hudler and Wilson might be the most reliable.

The Cardinals' minor league system, though enriched by last year's draft, is short of capable offensive talent. Actually, Torre himself may be the team's top bench asset; he works well with young players and still isn't finished getting the most from his club.

Torre turned in one of the league's best managing jobs in 1991 and will have to do so again in '92 if the Cardinals are to be contenders. ■

CARDINALS LEADERS '91

Avg.	Thompson	.307	HR	Zeile	11	RBI	Zeile	81	SB	Lankford	44
ERA	L. Smith	2.34	Wins	B. Smith	12	K's	Hill	121	Saves	L. Smith	47

PITCHERS

No.	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1991 Club	G	IP	W-L	Sv	ERA
49 Agosto, Juan	L-L	6-2	190	2-23-58	St. Louis	72	86.0	5-3	2	4.81
44 Carpenter, Cris	R-R	6-1	185	4-5-65	St. Louis	59	66.0	10-4	0	4.23
55 Clark, Mark	R-R	6-5	225	5-12-68	St. Louis	7	22.1	1-1	0	4.03
					Louisville AAA	7	45.1	3-2	0	2.98
					Arkansas AA	15	92.1	5-5	0	4.00
Compres, Fidel	R-R	6-0	165	5-10-65	Louisville AAA	10	14.2	0-2	0	3.07
					Arkansas AA	27	32.0	4-2	9	3.94
52 Cormier, Rheel	L-L	5-10	185	4-23-67	St. Louis	11	67.2	4-5	0	4.12
					Louisville AAA	21	127.2	7-9	0	4.23
48 DeLeon, Jose	R-R	6-3	226	12-20-60	St. Louis	28	162.2	5-9	0	2.71
35 DiPino, Frank	L-L	6-0	194	10-22-56	Louisville AAA	2	1.0	0-0	0	36.00
66 Ericks, John	R-R	6-7	220	9-16-67	Arkansas AA	25	139.2	5-14	0	4.77
32 Magrane, Joe	R-L	6-6	230	7-2-64						
22 McClure, Bob	R-L	5-11	188	4-29-53	St. Louis	32	23.0	1-1	0	3.13
					California	13	9.2	0-0	0	9.31
73 Milchin, Mike	L-L	6-3	190	2-28-68	Louisville AAA	18	94.0	5-9	0	5.07
					Arkansas AA	6	35.1	3-2	0	3.06
26 Olivares, Omar	R-R	6-1	193	7-6-67	St. Louis	28	167.1	11-7	1	3.71
					Louisville AAA	6	36.1	1-2	0	3.47
36 Smith, Bryn	R-R	6-2	205	8-11-55	St. Louis	31	198.2	12-9	0	3.85
47 Smith, Lee	R-R	6-6	269	12-4-57	St. Louis	67	73.0	6-3	47	2.34
37 Terry, Scott	R-R	5-11	195	11-21-59	St. Louis	65	80.1	4-4	1	2.80
39 Tewksbury, Bob	R-R	6-4	208	11-30-60	St. Louis	30	191.0	11-12	0	3.25
38 Worrell, Todd	R-R	6-5	222	9-28-59	Louisville AAA	3	3.0	0-0	0	18.00

CATCHERS

						G	AB	Avg.	HR	RBI	SB
64 Fernandez, Jose	L-R	6-3	210	8-24-67	Arkansas AA	94	285	.228	12	28	0
29 Gedman, Rich	L-R	6-0	211	9-26-59	St. Louis	46	94	.106	3	8	0
19 Pagnozzi, Tom	R-R	6-1	190	7-30-62	St. Louis	140	459	.264	2	57	9

INFIELDERS

18 Alicea, Luis	S-R	5-9	177	7-29-65	St. Louis	56	68	.191	0	0	0
					Louisville AAA	31	112	.393	4	16	5
33 Brewer, Rod	L-L	6-3	218	2-24-66	St. Louis	19	13	.077	0	1	0
					Louisville AAA	104	382	.225	8	52	4
67 Carmona, Greg	S-R	6-0	150	5-9-68	Louisville AAA	56	143	.175	2	10	7
					Arkansas AA	13	33	.182	0	1	0
41 Galarraga, Andres	R-R	6-3	235	6-18-61	Montreal	107	375	.219	9	33	5
10 Hudler, Rex	R-R	6-0	195	9-2-60	St. Louis	101	207	.227	1	15	12
8 Jones, Tim	L-R	5-10	175	12-1-62	St. Louis	16	24	.167	0	2	0
					Louisville AAA	86	306	.255	5	29	19
11 Oquendo, Jose	S-R	5-10	171	7-4-63	St. Louis	127	366	.240	1	26	1
7 Pena, Geronimo	S-R	6-1	195	3-29-67	St. Louis	104	185	.243	5	17	15
21 Perry, Gerald	L-R	6-0	201	10-30-60	St. Louis	109	242	.240	6	36	15
5 Royer, Stan	R-R	6-3	221	8-31-67	St. Louis	9	21	.286	0	1	0
					Louisville AAA	138	523	.254	14	74	1
1 Smith, Ozzie	S-R	5-10	168	12-26-54	St. Louis	150	550	.285	3	50	35
12 Wilson, Craig	R-R	5-11	208	11-28-64	St. Louis	60	82	.171	0	13	0
27 Zeile, Todd	R-R	6-1	190	9-9-65	St. Louis	155	565	.280	11	81	17

OUTFIELDERS

23 Gilkey, Bernard	R-R	6-0	190	9-24-66	St. Louis	81	268	.216	5	20	14
					Louisville AAA	11	41	.146	0	2	1
28 Guerrero, Pedro	R-R	6-0	197	6-29-56	St. Louis	115	427	.272	8	70	4
71 Jordan, Brian	R-R	6-1	205	3-29-67	Louisville AAA	61	212	.264	4	24	10
34 Jose, Felix	S-R	6-1	221	5-8-65	St. Louis	154	568	.305	8	77	20
16 Lankford, Ray	L-L	5-11	198	6-5-67	St. Louis	151	566	.251	9	69	44
51 MacIn, Lonnie	L-L	5-11	185	2-17-67	Louisville AAA	84	327	.287	4	37	19
25 Thompson, Milt	L-R	5-11	200	1-5-59	St. Louis	115	326	.307	6	34	16

Manager: Joe Torre

Coaches: Don Baylor, Joe Coleman, Dave Collins, Bucky Dent, Gaylen Pitts, Red Schoendienst



By DAVE VAN DYCK
Chicago Sun-Times

During the winter months, most teams tidy up their houses for the upcoming season. The Chicago Cubs went from attic to basement, sweeping out a president, general manager and manager.

The new general manager is Larry Himes, the man who rebuilt the Chicago White Sox. The new manager is Jim Lefebvre, the man who led the Seattle Mariners to their first winning season ever. Despite their success, Himes and Lefebvre were turned out.

Himes and Lefebvre take over under one interpretation of an auspicious circumstance at least. The Cubs won't be picked to win the National League East title this spring, as they were a year ago after then-general manager Jim Frey hired free agents George Bell, Danny Jackson and Dave Smith.

The current leadership is counting on the good health of their players rather than fresh faces to repair the fourth-place finish of '91, a season in which three of the original five-man rotation were lost to injury. The nucleus of a division winner remains intact. However, as he did with the White Sox, Himes hopes to improve his new organization with alterations.

Nothing will change unless the pitching improves. Last season, Chicago batters won 22 games in their final at-bats, only to have the opposition win 26. The Cubs were 47-50 in games decided by one or two runs, even though they set team records for fewest errors in a season (113) and highest fielding percentage (.982).

The Cubs have had only two winning seasons since 1972. But their fans are eternal optimists, and the injection of enthusiasm by Lefebvre gives them a chance to dust off title hopes.

STARTING PITCHING

When the season ended, only Greg Maddux (15-11, 3.35) had held up his end in the starting rotation. He led the NL in innings pitched (263) and was second in strikeouts (198) and fourth in complete games (7).

However, the other four members of the spring rotation finished a combined 11-21. Jackson (1-5, 6.75), signed to a four-year contract during the winter, twice was on the disabled list. Rick Sutcliffe (6-5, 4.10) also was on the

disabled list two times. He took free agency and signed with Baltimore. Mike Harkey, lost to serious shoulder surgery in May, was 0-2, 5.30. Shawn Boskie twice flunked chances at starting and was 4-9, 5.23.

Free agent Mike Morgan (14-10, 2.78), former Los Angeles Dodger, agreed to a four-year, \$12.5 million contract with the Cubs. The signing of the 32-year-old right-hander was a shot in the arm to a staff that had only 12 complete games in '91. Morgan worked five for the Dodgers.

Maddux has become one of the league's most reliable and successful starters. He has never

been injured and ended the season with two complete games, one a shutout.

The rest of the staff is filled with question marks. Harkey, the hard-throwing former No. 1 draft choice, may not be able to pitch effectively at least until the All-Star break. Boskie will have to show that he can win in the major leagues. And Jackson will have to stay healthy all year, which would be the first time since 1988. He is the key to the rotation. If Jackson had won only 11 games last season, instead of one, the Cubs would have been contenders.

Because of injuries, Frank Castillo (6-7, 4.35) was rushed to the Cubs in late June. He threw



ANDRE DAWSON

Probable Opening Day Lineup

Jerome Walton	CF
Mark Grace	1B
Ryne Sandberg	2B
Andre Dawson	RF
George Bell	LF
Luis Salazar	3B
Shawon Dunston	SS
Joe Girardi	C
Greg Maddux	P



RYNE SANDBERG

four complete games, second to Maddux, and worked into the ninth inning three other times. Castillo doesn't overwhelm hitters but will make a good fourth or fifth starter. Unfortunately, he was used as the second starter in '91.

The Cubs also are encouraged by the futures of former first round draft choice Lance Dickson and Turk Wendell, a minor leaguer obtained in a late-season trade with Atlanta. Dickson's triple-A season was cut short due to a broken foot, but he is counted on to take a spot in the rotation. Wendell, who has suffered arm trouble, possibly could make the team with a strong spring.

Depending on how the pitching staff is set up, Bob Scanlan (7-8, 3.89) also could be used as a starter. Tried as a setup man and closer late last season, the rangy right-hander started 13 games.

RELIEF PITCHING

No team benefited less from its bullpen than Chicago. Cub relievers blew 27 save opportunities. Fired manager Jim Essian placed the blame for his departure on their ineffectiveness.

While Mitch Williams, who was traded, saved 30 games and won 12 for the Philadelphia Phillies, Cub relievers frittered away leads. Paul Assenmacher (7-8, 3.24) was thrown into a role he never wanted and blew nine saves, second-highest in the league. Hitters salivated to face Smith (0-6, 6.00), signed to be the savior. Twice on the disabled list, Smith blew six saves in 23 chances.

It's little wonder that Lefebvre figures he will use the bullpen-by-committee ploy this season. Smith should return from minor knee surgery, but there are questions about how many innings his 37-year-old arm has left.

Lefebvre hopes to ease hard-throwing left-hander Chuck McElroy (6-2, 1.95) into the closer's role. Last season, as a rookie, McElroy saved only half of his six opportunities. But he was spectacular as a setup man. He held left-handed hitters to a .172 average.

Assenmacher, who was signed to a three-year deal worth \$7.5 million, Scanlan and Les Lancaster probably will be setup men, with Lancaster again used as a long and middle man. For the second straight season, Lancaster was used as both a starter and a reliever, even throwing a complete game. But his future is as a reliever.

The future of the Chicago bullpen is a mystery. If Smith is too old and McElroy is still too young, the age-old problem remains. Remember, this is a team that traded away Williams and Lee Smith.

CATCHING

A once-promising career for Joe Girardi (.191) was put on hold last season because of a back injury. Girardi spent almost four months on the disabled list and managed only 47 at-bats. A tough competitor with a good sense of calling pitches, Girardi again is regarded as the future of the catching corps.

In Girardi's absence, the Cubs used Rick Wilkins (.222) and Hector Villanueva (.276).

Wilkins could turn out to be a good left-handed offensive complement to Girardi. Wilkins hit home runs in three straight games in June. His lowly batting average indicated he was not ready for prime time, although he should be this season. What Girardi and Wilkins contributed to defense, Villanueva added to offense.

INFIELD

There is no one who plays second base better than Ryne Sandberg, winner of his ninth straight Gold Glove. Sandberg (.291-26-100) shows no signs of slowing at age 32. Moved to third in the batting order before the halfway point, Sandberg became the first second baseman with back-to-back 100 RBI seasons since Bobby Doerr in 1949-50. Never seriously injured, Sandberg is the player around whom the Cubs' infield is built.

It is a good starting point, especially with two other parts of the infield set. Shortstop Shawn Dunston (.260-12-50) has turned into a spectacular fielder. He and Sandberg have become adept at turning the double play. And first baseman Mark Grace (.273-8-58) enjoyed a Gold Glove-type season. The trio is among the best defensively in baseball, although they probably never will be as famous as the early century Cub combination of Joe Tinkers to Johnny Evers to Frank Chance.

Grace's batting average was his lowest ever. He was switched from third to second in the batting order. But Grace's offensive potential remains, and Lefebvre is confident that he will be the anchor at the top of the batting order. Dun-



GEORGE BELL

ston remains near the bottom of the lineup, having never solved his problem of swinging at bad pitches. He did, however, strike out a career-low 64 times.

Third base may be a problem again, as it has been since Ron Cey left in the mid-'80s. Veteran Luis Salazar (.258-14-38) spent most of the time there in '91. Switch-hitting platoon man Chico Walker (.257) also returns.

Rookie Gary Scott (.165) started last season at third base but was demoted after a miserable month. Scott could rate a second chance this spring, as could minor leaguer Pedro Castellano.

However, the feeling has been that the Cubs can survive without an offensive third baseman because of Sandberg's batting numbers. The Cubs have both offense and defense at second and will settle for defense at third.

OUTFIELD

Lefebvre can only hope that the skills of 37-year-old Andre Dawson and 32-year-old George Bell don't diminish suddenly. The two posted their usual offensive numbers last season: .272-31-104 (Dawson) and .285-25-86 (Bell). But age has caught up with them on the base paths and in the outfield. And there is no logical successor to either one in the farm system.

At one time Derrick May, the Cubs' No. 1 draft choice in 1986, was thought to be a Wrigley Field power man. But he hasn't shown it in six minor league seasons.

The Cubs used five center fielders. Some could play defense but none could contribute offensively. That left a void at the top of the batting order. Jerome Walton, Rookie of the Year in 1989, filled the hole on defense and offense that season. But he was a journeyman last year, along with Walker, Dwight Smith, Doug Dascenzo and Ced Landrum. If one of that group does not contribute more than he did in '91, Chicago's outfield remains two men and a boy. It will stay that way until last year's No. 1 draft choice, Doug Glanville, is ready. Glanville could be rushed into the lineup if he could repeat rookie league numbers of .303 with eight doubles and 17 stolen bases.

BENCH

After more than a decade in the minor leagues, Walker spent the entire season with Chicago. He generally started at third base or center field, but plans call for him to become the top bench man. Walker proved he could do that with 13 hits and six RBI in 32 pinch-hit appearances.

Smith was the most frequently used pinch hitter with 45 appearances. Smith and Dascenzo were part of the revolving-door outfield, with Dascenzo used as a late-inning defensive replacement for Bell.

In the infield, Jose Vizcaino played shortstop and third base, and Rey Sanchez showed late in the season he could hit. ■

CUBS LEADERS '91

Avg.	Sandberg .291	HR	Dawson 31	RBI	Dawson 104	SB	Landrum 27
ERA	McElroy 1.95	Wins	Maddux 15	K's	Maddux 198	Saves	Da. Smith 17

PITCHERS

No.	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1991 Club	G	IP	W-L	Sv	ERA
45 Assenmacher, Paul	L-L	6-3	200	12-10-60	Chicago	75	102.2	7-8	15	3.24
47 Boskie, Shawn	R-R	6-3	205	3-28-67	Chicago	28	129.0	4-9	0	5.23
					Iowa AAA	7	45.1	2-2	0	3.57
52 Bullinger, Jim	R-R	6-2	185	8-21-65	Iowa AAA	8	46.2	3-4	0	5.40
					Charlotte AA	20	142.2	9-9	0	3.53
49 Castillo, Frank	R-R	6-1	180	4-1-69	Chicago	18	111.2	6-7	0	4.35
					Iowa AAA	4	25.0	3-1	0	2.52
33 Dickson, Lance	R-L	6-1	185	10-19-69	Iowa AAA	18	101.1	4-4	0	3.11
22 Harkey, Mike	R-R	6-5	220	10-25-66	Chicago	4	18.2	0-2	0	5.30
44 Hartsock, Jeff	R-R	6-0	190	11-19-66	Albuquerque AAA	29	154.0	12-6	0	3.80
32 Jackson, Danny	R-L	6-0	205	1-5-62	Chicago	17	70.2	1-5	0	6.75
					Iowa AAA	1	5.0	0-0	0	1.80
50 Lancaster, Les	R-R	6-2	200	4-21-62	Chicago	64	156.0	9-7	3	3.52
31 Maddux, Greg	R-R	6-0	175	4-14-66	Chicago	37	263.0	15-11	0	3.35
35 McElroy, Chuck	L-L	6-0	180	10-1-67	Chicago	71	101.1	6-2	3	1.95
36 Morgan, Mike	R-R	6-2	210	10-8-59	Los Angeles	34	236.1	14-10	1	2.78
30 Scanlan, Bob	R-R	6-7	215	8-9-66	Chicago	40	111.0	7-8	1	3.89
					Iowa AAA	4	18.1	2-0	0	2.95
51 Slocumb, Heathcliff	R-R	6-3	210	6-7-66	Chicago	52	62.2	2-1	1	3.45
					Iowa AAA	12	13.1	1-0	1	4.05
42 Smith, Dave	R-R	6-1	195	1-21-55	Chicago	35	33.0	0-6	17	6.00
43 Wendell, Turk	S-R	6-2	175	5-19-67	Richmond AAA	3	21.0	0-2	0	3.43
					Greenville AA	25	147.2	11-3	0	2.56

CATCHERS

7	Girardi, Joe	R-R	5-11	195	10-14-64	Chicago	21	47	.191	0	6	0
					Iowa AAA	12	36	.222	0	4	2	
53	Pedre, George	R-R	6-0	205	10-12-66	Kansas City	10	19	.263	0	3	0
					Omaha AAA	31	116	.216	1	4	2	
					Memphis AA	100	363	.259	9	59	1	
19	Villanueva, Hector	R-R	6-1	220	10-2-64	Chicago	71	192	.276	13	32	0
					Iowa AAA	6	25	.360	2	9	0	
2	Wilkins, Rick	L-R	6-2	210	6-4-67	Chicago	86	203	.222	6	22	3
					Iowa AAA	38	107	.271	5	14	1	

INFELDERS

21	Arias, Alex	R-R	6-3	185	11-20-67	Charlotte AA	134	488	.275	4	47	23
37	Castellano, Pedro	R-R	6-1	175	3-11-70	Charlotte AA	7	19	.421	0	2	0
						Winston-Salem A	129	459	.303	10	87	11
12	Dunston, Shawon	R-R	6-1	175	3-21-63	Chicago	142	492	.260	12	50	21
17	Grace, Mark	L-L	6-2	190	6-28-64	Chicago	160	619	.273	8	58	3
9	Paulino, Elvin	L-R	6-1	190	11-6-67	Charlotte AA	132	460	.257	24	81	8
10	Salazar, Luis	R-R	5-10	190	5-19-56	Chicago	103	333	.258	14	38	0
6	Sanchez, Rey	R-R	5-9	165	10-5-67	Chicago	13	23	.261	0	2	0
						Iowa AAA	126	417	.290	2	46	13
23	Sandberg, Ryne	R-R	6-2	185	9-18-59	Chicago	158	585	.291	26	100	22
25	Scott, Gary	R-R	6-0	175	8-22-68	Chicago	31	79	.165	1	5	0
						Iowa AAA	63	231	.208	3	34	0
1	Strange, Doug	S-R	6-2	170	4-13-64	Chicago	3	9	.444	0	1	1
						Iowa AAA	131	509	.293	8	56	10
16	Vizcaino, Jose	S-R	6-1	180	3-26-68	Chicago	93	145	.262	0	10	2

OUTFIELDERS

11	Bell, George	R-R	6-1	202	10-21-59	Chicago	149	558	.285	25	86	2
29	Dascenzo, Doug	S-L	5-8	160	6-30-64	Chicago	118	239	.255	1	18	14
8	Dawson, Andre	R-R	6-3	197	7-10-54	Chicago	149	563	.272	31	104	4
28	Landrum, Ced	L-R	5-8	170	9-3-63	Chicago	56	86	.233	0	6	27
						Iowa AAA	38	131	.336	1	11	13
27	May, Derrick	L-R	6-4	205	7-14-68	Chicago	15	22	.227	1	3	0
						Iowa AAA	82	310	.297	3	49	7
34	Roberson, Kevin	S-R	6-4	210	1-29-68	Charlotte AA	136	507	.256	19	67	17
18	Smith, Dwight	L-R	5-11	175	11-8-63	Chicago	90	167	.228	3	21	2
24	Walker, Chico	S-R	5-9	185	11-26-58	Chicago	124	374	.257	6	34	13
20	Walton, Jerome	R-R	6-1	175	7-8-65	Chicago	123	270	.219	5	17	7

Manager: Jim Lefebvre

Coaches: Billy Connors, Chuck Cottier, Sammy Ellis, Jose Martinez, Tom Trebelhorn

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES



By FRANK DOLSON
The Philadelphia Inquirer

The Phillies have been on a roller coaster ride for two decades in the National League. They hit rock bottom in the early '70s, won the World Series in 1980, made an unexpected return to the Series in '83, then began another descent to the depths.

Well, the plunge is over. Philadelphia, under the guidance of general manager Lee Thomas, is heading upward again.

True, it's a measured move. The club's \$26 million bid for Bobby Bonilla fell a few million short, and the free agent accepted the New York Mets' offer. So the Phillies didn't make big headlines in the off-season, but they did make progress, perhaps enough to bring the franchise its first .500 season since 1986.

Thomas deserves recognition for rebuilding the club since being named GM in June 1988. With the departure of Von Hayes and Bruce Ruffin last December, only one player, catcher Darren Daulton, remains from the last-place team Thomas inherited. The results, if not spectacular, are at least promising.

Hayes (.225-0-21), victim of an injury-plagued season, became the target of Philadelphia fans. The oldest Phillie in point of service—1991 was his ninth season in Philadelphia—Hayes simply had to go, for his sake as well as the team's. Considering the necessity to trade him, the Phillies did well to get (from California) a pitcher with the promise of Kyle Abbott in return, not to mention outfielder Ruben Amaro Jr.

Thomas also acquired pitcher Barry Jones and infielders Mariano Duncan and Dale Sveum. Retaining relief ace Mitch Williams, a free agent, was a must, and Thomas did that, too.

The Phillies may have to be very good to keep up with the new-look Mets, but other rivals in the NL East don't seem to be out of reach.

"I definitely think we will be in contention," Thomas says. "That doesn't mean winning it. If you can be in contention, that's all you can ask for."

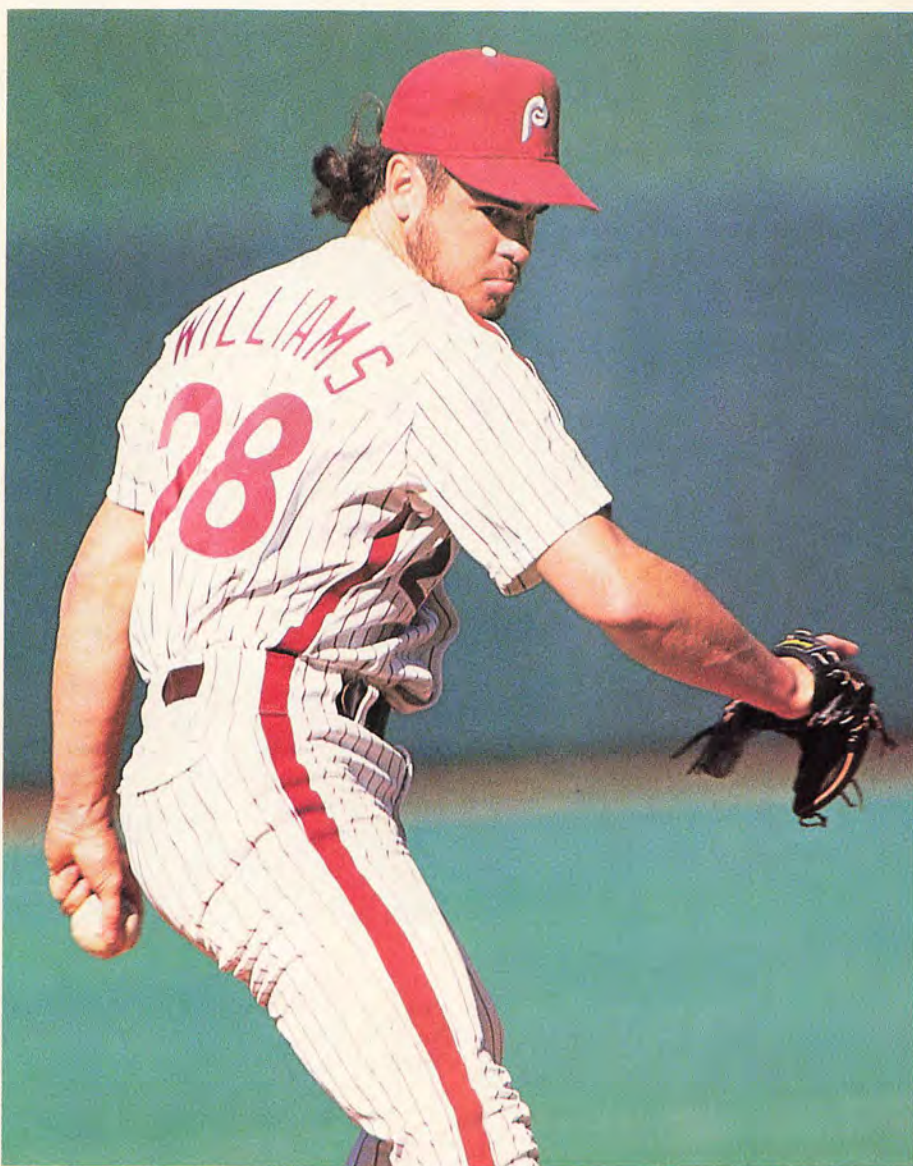
Manager Jim Fregosi says, "We have a deeper, better club than we had a year ago."

STARTING PITCHING

Last year, the rotation was a potential disaster

Probable Opening Day Lineup

Lenny Dykstra	CF
Darren Daulton	C
Wes Chamberlain	LF
John Kruk	1B
Dale Murphy	RF
Dave Hollins	3B
Dale Sveum	SS
Mariano Duncan	2B
Terry Mulholland	P



MITCH WILLIAMS

area. This year, it could be the team's strength.

Left-hander Terry Mulholland (16-13, 3.61) has established himself as a quality major league starter. When injuries created an emergency situation last season, right-hander Tommy Greene (13-7, 3.38), obtained from Atlanta in 1990 along with Dale Murphy in a trade, made the most of the opportunity. He threw a no-hitter against Montreal on May 23.

The biggest problem facing Fregosi and pitching coach Johnny Podres may be to select the 3-4-5 starters from a group that includes wild but hard-throwing Jose DeJesus (10-9, 3.42), Pat Combs (2-6, 4.90), Andy Ashby (1-5, 6.00), Jason Grimsley (1-7, 4.87), Ken Howell and Abbott (1-2, 4.58). Ashby fanned the side on nine pitches against Cincinnati in the fourth in-

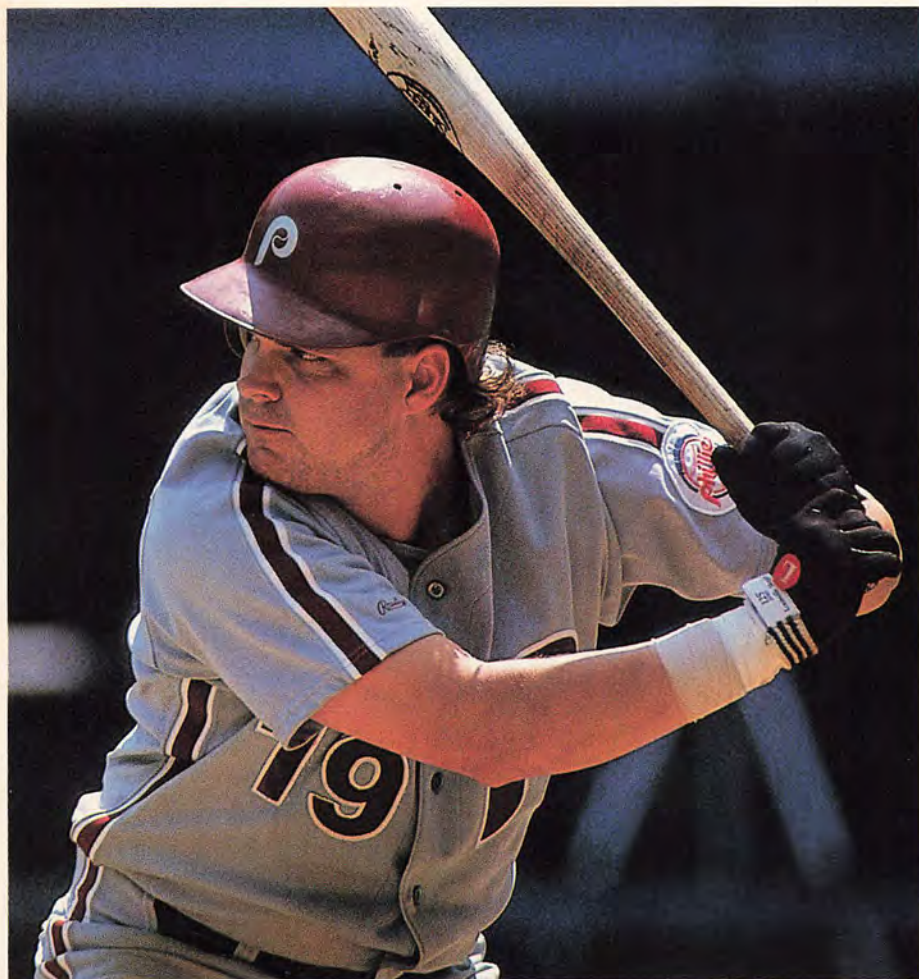
ning on June 15 in Philadelphia, first time in club history.

Poised to arrive on the scene is talented Tyler Green, the Phillies' first-round draft pick (10th overall) in 1991, who wowed observers with his knuckle curve after signing for a \$340,000 bonus.

"He's got probably the best curve I've seen in my life," says Darold Knowles, pitching coach of Philadelphia's Class A Clearwater, Fla., farm club.

Says Knowles: "I played with (Burt) Hooton. I saw (Sandy) Koufax. I played with Camilo Pascual and Bert Blyleven. They all had great curves. But I never saw anybody throw one as hard as this kid throws it."

Former Phillies' manager Lee Elia, who



JOHN KRUK

Wholesale Change

Seldom, if ever, has a club been rebuilt as completely, and quickly, as the Phillies.

General manager Lee Thomas arrived in Philadelphia 3½ years ago. He found a club buried in the cellar of the National League East, on its way to a 96-loss season.

With the off-season trades of outfielder Von Hayes and left-hander Bruce Ruffin, only one player, catcher Darren Daulton, remains from the team Thomas inherited.

Here's the lineup the Phillies put on the field on June 21, 1988, Thomas' first day on the job:
Juan Samuel, 2b—Now with Los Angeles
Von Hayes, 1b—Now with California
Mike Schmidt, 3b—Retired
Lance Parrish, c—Now with California
Chris James, rf—Now with San Francisco
Phil Bradley, lf—Now in Japan
Milt Thompson, cf—Now with St. Louis
Steve Jeltz, ss—Out of baseball
David Palmer, p—Out of baseball

Two other players appeared that day in a 6-1 win over the Chicago Cubs: pinch hitter Mike Young and relief pitcher Steve Bedrosian.

—Frank Dolson

piloted Clearwater to the best record (81-49) in the Florida State League in 1991 and will guide Philadelphia's triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre team this season, was equally impressed. Elia calls Green's pet pitch "awesome, almost unhit-table at times. I'm one that doesn't like to put pressure on a kid. But when you see him, and the response of the hitter to the pitch, you open your eyes and you say, 'My goodness!'"

There appears to be no shortage of good, young arms in the organization. From the start, one mark of Thomas' stewardship has been his determination to add promising pitchers in most of his deals. The Phillies may have a difficult time matching the Mets' big three of Bret Saberhagen, David Cone and Dwight Gooden, but so will everybody else in the NL with the possible exception of Cincinnati.

RELIEF PITCHING

One needs a strong heart to watch Williams save ball games. The outgoing left-hander, who re-signed with Philadelphia, agreeing to a three-year, \$9.2 million contract, can drive one up the wall with his long counts, his bases on balls and his almost nightly flirtations with disaster. And

yet, more often than not, he gets the big strikeout when he needs it.

Williams kept Veterans Stadium in Philadelphia hopping and Fregosi's heart pounding a year ago. But Williams (12-5, 2.34) saved 30 games and generally endeared himself to demanding Philadelphia fans.

The Phillies acquired a quality, right-handed setup man in Jones (4-9, 3.35 at Montreal). He pitched for Fregosi when the latter managed the Chicago White Sox.

"I like his stuff, and I like his attitude," says Fregosi. "He's a proven guy in that role."

CATCHING

To get Jones from the Expos, the Phillies gave up left-handed-hitting catcher Darrin Fletcher, who had become a valuable member of the team in May when Daulton was sidelined following Lenny Dykstra's automobile accident.

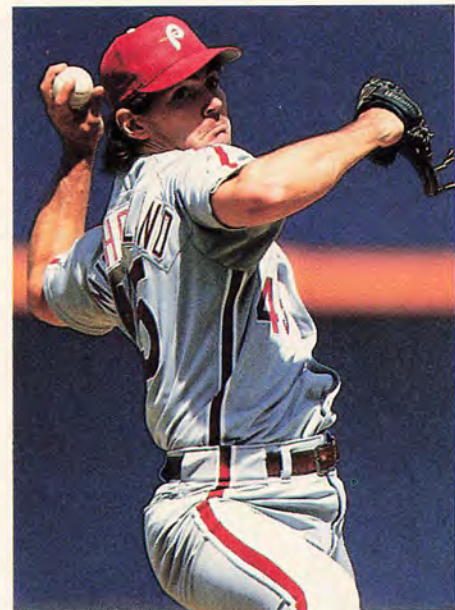
"We're taking a gamble that Darren will be healthy and catch 140 games," Fregosi says.

Daulton (.196-12-42), who earned a whopping contract with an outstanding second-half performance in '90, had a rough time of it in '91. Better things are expected of a healthy Daulton this year.

INFIELD

This is where Thomas took out insurance policies. He faces a season in which unproven youngsters, third baseman Dave Hollins (.298-6-21) and shortstop Kim Batiste (.222), will get a crack at manning the left side of the infield, and Mickey Morandini (.249) at second base. However, to obtain proven probable starters at second base and shortstop, Thomas paid top dollar for free agent Duncan (two years, \$4.5 million), then made a deal for Sveum.

Duncan (.258-12-40 in 100 games for Cincinnati) plays second base, third, shortstop and



TERRY MULHOLLAND

left field. Sveum batted .241 in 90 games for Milwaukee.

Thomas' moves may not seem like much compared to what the Mets pulled off, but as he put it, "Our situation is a lot different than theirs. Our club is still climbing. The Mets have been there and flattened out. They *had* to do something big."

At first base, the Phillies have somebody big. John Kruk became an NL All-Star last season, hitting .294 with 21 homers and 92 RBI, a huge jump from his 1990 numbers: .291-7-67. Kruk is a free spirit who looks more like your friendly neighborhood bartender than a major league star. As Don Sutton said one night on an Atlanta telecast, "John Kruk looks like a guy who went to a fantasy camp and stayed."

Kruk's easy-going, laugh-a-minute exterior hides an intense competitor. "He's a gamer," says veteran infielder Randy Ready. "He's fun and he's an exciting ballplayer."

The Phillies need another big year from him.

OUTFIELD

The Phillies may not have Bonilla, but they do have Dykstra, an accomplished center fielder and the best leadoff man in the NL or, more accurately and with apologies to Rickey Henderson, any league.

Nothing that happened to Philadelphia in '91 hurt as much as the loss of Dykstra—first because of the automobile crash on May 6, then because he crashed into the unpadded center field wall at Cincinnati's Riverfront Stadium on Aug. 26. Dykstra is one of the game's most valuable players when he's healthy. Had he remained in one piece, the Phillies almost surely would have edged above the .500 mark.

Failure to sign Bonilla opened the way for another season in Philadelphia for Dale Murphy (.252-18-81). He did pretty much what was expected of him in his first full Phillie season. Murphy needs four home runs to reach 400. He played in his 2,000th game last year and collected his 2,000th hit.

The other big bat the Phillies are counting on belongs to Wes Chamberlain, the left fielder they acquired from Pittsburgh in a 1990 trade. Chamberlain (.240) struck out 73 times in 383 at-bats last season, but he blasted 13 homers—some of the tape-measure variety—and drove in 50 runs.

BENCH

The addition of Duncan and Sveum provides the Phillies with considerable maneuverability in the infield.

Ricky Jordan (.272-9-49), who broke in at first base with a bang in '88, has never regained those heights, but he remains a right-handed-hitting threat.

Charlie Hayes (.230-12-53) had the third base job handed to him, and promptly handed it back with inconsistent play. He has right-handed power and, when on his game, he's a good fielder. ■

PHILLIES LEADERS '91

Avg.	Lindeman	.337	HR	Kruk	21	RBI	Kruk	92	SB	Dykstra	24
ERA	Williams	2.34	Wins	Mulholland	16	K's	Greene	154	Saves	Williams	30

PITCHERS

No.	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1991 Club	G	IP	W-L	Sv	ERA	
47	Abbott, Kyle	L-L	6-4	195	2-18-68	California	5	19.2	1-2	0	4.58
					Edmonton AAA	27	180.1	14-10	0	3.99	
40	Ashby, Andy	R-R	6-5	180	7-11-67	Philadelphia	8	42.0	1-5	0	6.00
					Scranton AAA	26	161.1	11-11	0	3.46	
53	Ayrault, Bob	R-R	6-4	230	4-27-66	Scranton AAA	68	98.2	8-5	3	4.83
55	Borland, Toby	R-R	6-6	180	5-29-69	Reading AA	59	76.2	8-3	24	2.70
51	Brantley, Cliff	R-R	6-1	190	4-12-68	Philadelphia	6	31.2	2-2	0	3.41
					Scranton AAA	8	47.1	2-4	0	3.80	
					Reading AA	11	69.2	4-3	0	1.94	
	Chapin, Darrin	R-R	6-0	170	2-1-66	New York (AL)	3	5.1	0-1	0	5.06
					Columbus AAA	55	78.1	10-3	12	1.95	
21	Combs, Pat	L-L	6-4	207	10-29-66	Philadelphia	14	64.1	2-6	0	4.90
					Scranton AAA	6	27.0	2-2	0	6.67	
54	DeJesus, Jose	R-R	6-5	213	1-6-65	Philadelphia	31	181.2	10-9	1	3.42
49	Greene, Tommy	R-R	6-5	227	4-6-67	Philadelphia	36	207.2	13-7	0	3.38
48	Grimley, Jason	R-R	6-3	182	8-7-67	Philadelphia	12	61.0	1-7	0	4.87
					Scranton AAA	9	51.2	2-3	0	4.35	
42	Hartley, Mike	R-R	6-1	197	6-31-61	Philadelphia	18	26.1	2-1	1	3.76
					Los Angeles	40	57.0	2-0	1	4.42	
43	Howell, Ken	R-R	6-3	237	11-28-60	Scranton AAA	6	24.2	2-0	0	5.11
50	Jones, Barry	R-R	6-4	225	2-15-63	Montreal	77	88.2	4-9	13	3.35
45	Mulholland, Terry	R-L	6-3	208	3-9-63	Philadelphia	34	232.0	16-13	0	3.61
39	Ritchie, Wally	L-L	6-2	180	7-12-65	Philadelphia	39	50.1	1-2	0	2.50
					Scranton AAA	7	26.0	1-0	2	2.42	
24	Searcy, Steve	L-L	6-1	195	6-5-64	Philadelphia	18	30.1	2-1	0	4.15
					Detroit	16	40.2	1-2	0	8.41	
28	Williams, Mitch	L-L	6-4	205	11-17-64	Philadelphia	69	88.1	12-5	30	2.34

CATCHERS

10	Daulton, Darren	L-R	6-2	200	1-3-62	Philadelphia	89	285	.196	12	42	5
						Scranton AAA	2	9	.222	1	1	0
						Reading AA	1	4	.250	0	0	0
35	Lindsey, Doug	R-R	6-2	200	9-22-67	Philadelphia	1	3	.000	0	0	0
						Reading AA	94	313	.259	1	34	1
23	Pratt, Todd	R-R	6-3	195	2-9-67	Pawtucket AAA	68	219	.292	11	41	0

INFELDERS

6	Backman, Wally	S-R	5-9	168	9-22-59	Philadelphia	94	185	.243	0	15	3
	Batiste, Kim	R-R	6-0	175	3-15-68	Philadelphia	10	27	.222	0	1	0
					Scranton AAA		122	462	.292	1	41	18
7	Duncan, Mariano	R-R	6-0	185	3-13-63	Cincinnati	100	333	.258	12	40	5
8	Hayes, Charlie	R-R	6-0	210	5-29-65	Philadelphia	142	460	.230	12	53	3
15	Hollins, David	S-R	6-1	207	5-25-66	Philadelphia	56	151	.298	6	21	1
					Scranton AAA		72	229	.266	8	35	4
17	Jordan, Ricky	R-R	6-3	209	5-26-65	Philadelphia	101	301	.272	9	49	0
28	Kruk, John	L-L	5-10	200	2-9-61	Philadelphia	152	538	.294	21	92	7
12	Morandini, Mickey	L-R	5-11	167	4-22-66	Philadelphia	98	325	.249	1	20	13
					Scranton AAA		12	46	.261	1	9	2
9	Sveum, Dale	S-R	6-3	185	11-23-63	Milwaukee	90	266	.241	4	43	2

OUTFIELDERS

33	Amaro Jr., Ruben	S-R	5-10	170	2-12-65	California	10	23	.217	0	2	0
						Edmonton AAA	121	472	.326	3	42	36
16	Castillo, Braulio	R-R	6-0	160	5-13-68	Philadelphia	28	52	.173	0	2	1
						Scranton AAA	16	60	.350	0	15	2
						San Antonio AA	87	297	.300	8	48	22
44	Chamberlain, Wes	R-R	6-2	210	4-13-66	Philadelphia	101	383	.240	13	50	9
						Scranton AAA	39	144	.257	2	20	7
57	Dostal, Bruce	L-L	6-0	195	3-10-65	Reading AA	96	364	.313	5	34	38
4	Dykstra, Lenny	L-L	5-10	186	2-10-63	Philadelphia	63	246	.297	3	12	24
19	Lindeman, Jim	R-R	6-1	200	1-10-62	Philadelphia	65	95	.337	0	12	0
						Scranton AAA	11	40	.275	2	7	0
27	Longmire, Tony	L-R	6-1	195	6-12-68	Scranton AAA	36	111	.261	0	9	4
						Reading AA	85	323	.288	9	56	10
3	Murphy, Dale	R-R	6-4	221	3-12-56	Philadelphia	153	544	.252	18	81	1
58	Peguero, Julio	S-R	6-0	160	9-7-68	Scranton AAA	133	506	.273	2	39	21
56	Williams, Cary	R-R	6-3	190	7-29-69	Reading AA	116	421	.278	6	62	12

Manager: Jim Fregosi

Coaches: Larry Bowa, Denis Menke, Johnny Podres, Mel Roberts, Mike Ryan, John Vukovich

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That 50-ton concrete beam that fell at Olympic Stadium on Sept. 13 did more than force the Expos to spend the final 23 days of the season on the road. It also provided a metaphor for the entire 1991 National League campaign.

At times, you were scared to look up. It was a season of dizzying change in Montreal. The team was sold by majority owner Charles Bronfman to a consortium of local pin-striped suits in what seemed at times to be more like a telethon than a business transaction.

Popular players Tim Raines, Otis Nixon and Dennis "Oil Can" Boyd were traded. Hitting coach Hal McRae left to manage the Kansas City Royals. Manager Buck Rodgers was fired; he would be joined at the end of the year by Larry Bearnarth, the team's pitching coach, and Ken Macha, the bullpen coach. Rodgers would be replaced by Tom Runnels. And then David Dombrowski, who fired Rodgers, would resign as general manager to assume the same job with the expansion Florida Marlins. Five other members of the front office would follow Dombrowski to Miami.

In and around all this, the Expos finished 71-90, their worst record for a full season since 1976. They were never over .500 after a 7-0 Opening Day win over the Pirates in Pittsburgh.

"Basically," third baseman and team captain Tim Wallach said late in the year, "I don't think we were ever in the thing."

Probable Opening Day Lineup

Delino DeShields	2B
Marquis Grissom	CF
Ivan Calderon	1B
Tim Wallach	3B
Larry Walker	RF
John Vanderwal	LF
Wilfredo Cordero	SS
Gary Carter	C
Dennis Martinez	P

The man who will try to turn it around is new general manager Dan Duquette, a soft-spoken 33-year-old native of Dalton, Mass., who cut his teeth in the Milwaukee Brewers' development system. Duquette joined the Expos in 1987 as director of player development and was elevated to the position of assistant GM in 1990.

"I told them we feel that with some intelligent moves we can field a competitive club," said Duquette after a meeting with the team during their final series in Pittsburgh.

"But I also said that the process for developing our younger players at the major league level was over. It was time to establish themselves as bona fide major leaguers."

Old-timers will tell you that you're never

really as good as you look when you're winning big and, conversely, never as bad as you look when you're losing big. It's that hope that Expo fans carry with them into 1992.

STARTING PITCHING

What else can be said about Dennis Martinez? The 15th perfect game of nine innings or more in major league history on July 28 at Dodger Stadium, a 14-11 record, a major league-leading earned run average of 2.39 and the most shutouts in the majors, five. Not bad for a guy who strained his rib cage pitching that perfect, then battled through it the rest of the year.

People keep talking about the Expos trading Martinez. Mostly, they're from other teams. Mostly, they're dreaming.

"Trade a No. 1 starter, and you can spend five years trying to find another one," Duquette says. Martinez has made 30-plus starts and pitched 200-plus innings in each of the past four seasons. He has won 55 games.

It's a toss-up which pitcher has the best curveball on the team: Martinez or Mark Gardner (9-11, 3.85). Gardner, flashing a forkball now and then, rebounded from minor rotator cuff surgery in 1990 to pitch 168½ innings, limiting opponents to a .230 batting average. He pitched



DENNIS MARTINEZ

PAUL JASENSKI

nine no-hit innings two days before Martinez's perfect game, only to have the Dodgers win in the 10th.

The rest of the starting rotation at the end of the season was composed of three young left-handers: second-year Expo Chris Nabholz (8-7, 3.63) and rookies Brian Barnes (5-8, 4.22) and Chris Haney (3-7, 4.04). None of the three will blow you away with fastballs, but Nabholz and Haney, in particular, know how to set up their change-ups and curves, and spot what passes for their fastballs.

Nabholz, despite two bouts of tendinitis in his left shoulder, captured NL Pitcher of the Month honors in September, going 6-0 in as many starts. In 1990, too, Nabholz won six straight decisions in September.

Haney, picked in the 1990 draft, showed flashes of his major league bloodlines—father Larry was pitching coach with the Brewers last year—and a professional demeanor. The league hit .280 off Chris.

Barnes was considered the cream of the organization's minor league crop two years ago. But last season he seemed off stride from the start. He sustained a strained muscle in the back of his left shoulder on March 28. Credit Barnes' bulldog nature with his getting even limited returns.

To bolster the staff, the Expos obtained Ken Hill, a 26-year-old right-hander, from the St. Louis Cardinals in a trade for first baseman Andres Galarraga. Hill (11-10, 3.57) held opponents to a .224 batting average, fourth-lowest among NL starters.

However, the biggest change in the pitching this year will be in the dugout. Joe Kerrigan was elevated from the minor league system to replace the venerable Bearnarth.

"I've tried to take a little bit from all the people I've pitched under or coached for, people like Dick Williams and Larry Bearnarth and Ray Miller and Jim Brewer," says Kerrigan. "I like Ray's philosophy: work fast, change speeds, throw strikes. But then, that's what these kids have been brought up with all along. As an organization, we throw more change-ups than almost any other (organization)."

RELIEF PITCHING

The Expos traded for Barry Jones (4-9, 3.35) in December 1990 with an eye toward using him as a setup man for Tim Burke. Then, when they traded Burke, they tried Jones as a closer. He registered only 13 saves and a number of blown opportunities. Booed relentlessly at home, Jones requested a trade the day after the World Series. Montreal exchanged him for catcher Darrin Fletcher of Philadelphia during the winter meetings. Jones exercised his right as a player traded during the course of a multiyear contract, while forgoing free agency for five years as a result.

That leaves left-handers Jeff Fassero (2-5, 2.44 with eight saves) and Steve "Deep" Frey (0-1, 4.99 with one save), and right-handers Bill

Sampen (9-5, 4.00), Doug Piatt (0-0, 2.60 in 34⅓ innings) and Mel Rojas (3-3, 3.75 with six saves). Not an impressive group. But Fassero showed flashes of a 90-plus mph fastball and finished as the team's best closer. Rojas has a deadly forkball that can leave left-handed hitters in knots. David Wainhouse (2-2, 2.60 with 11 saves at double-A Harrisburg) is a long shot.

Montreal obtained John Wetteland, a promising closer, from Cincinnati in a winter-meetings trade that sent outfielder Dave Martinez, pitcher Scott Ruskin and infielder Willie Greene to the Reds. The Expos also got pitcher Bill Risley. Wetteland had been involved a few days earlier in a Cincinnati-Los Angeles trade in which Eric Davis became a Dodger.

Montreal was 28-39 in one-run games. Its inconsistent bullpen bore much of the brunt. Runnels complained often about the "lack of a comfort zone" late in the game.

CATCHING

With Mike Fitzgerald lost to free agency, Duquette spent considerable time eyeing the free agent list for catching help. He came up with Gary Carter, who was claimed on waivers from Los Angeles. Carter, 38 on April 8, hit .246 with six home runs and 26 RBI in 101 games for the Dodgers. Other catchers are Fletcher (.228 in 46 games with the Phillies) and Gilberto Reyes (.217-0-13 in 83 games). Reyes has arguably the best arm in the majors—he threw out 39 of 77 runners attempting to steal (50.6 percent)—but almost non-existent extra-base power. He plays smaller than his 6-2, 205-pound frame.

Greg Colbrunn was the top prospect in the organization last spring. Recurring elbow troubles limited his throwing. Eventually he underwent tendon transplant surgery.



IVAN CALDERON



MARQUIS GRISSOM

INFIELD

The Expos' Gold Glove cornermen had lead bats in 1991. The lack of offensive punch from Wallach (.225-13-73) and Galarraga (.219-9-33) was probably the single biggest reason that 1991 was such a dismal year. Wallach, whose average dropped 71 points from 1990, was named the first captain in team history shortly after signing an \$11 million, three-year extension last spring.

Ivan Calderon is the top choice to replace Galarraga at first base. Calderon (.300-19-75), Montreal's regular left fielder in '91, was the team's most effective offensive force. He tattooed left-handed pitching to a .354 tune, hit .303 with runners in scoring position (.376 with less than two out) and .375 with men on third (18 for 36 with less than two out). Look for the garrulous Calderon to become the dominant personality in the team's clubhouse in '92.

The off-season found the Expos in a quandary about second base. Delino DeShields (.238-10-51 and 27 errors) seemed lost at times, particularly after the trade of close friends Raines, Nixon and Boyd and the departure of McRae, of whom DeShields said, "I thought of him like a father." There were clubhouse whispers about DeShields' attitude, public chastising by Runnels, boos from Olympic Stadium fans and rumors that he would be traded. No one talked about DeShields' 56 steals or the fact that he was only 22.

DeShields' quick, strong wrists are the source of eye-catching power. He may yet become a No. 3 hitter. If DeShields' marquee talents end up

in another city, it will be because Expos brass want to make room for switch-hitting Bret Barberie (.353-2-18 in 57 games). The former U.S. Olympian, who had a torrid September—he was 23-for-49 (.469) after Sept. 17—is limited defensively. Barberie is best-suited for second base, but he could end up at third base if Wallach moves to first.

Shortstop Spike Owen (.255-3-26) caught fire in September to salvage his season offensively. But by the time the year ended, management was openly suggesting that the switch-hitter abandon batting from the left side, where he hit just .210 compared to .305 as a right-hander. The point will be moot as far as the Expos are concerned if Wilfredo Cordero shows in spring training that he has recovered from the broken bone in his hand that ended his 1991 season prematurely at the triple-A level.

OUTFIELD

It took one spring training to make everyone forget about Raines, one of the three former Expos traded to the Chicago White Sox for Calderon and Jones.

It took two months for Larry Walker to make the Expos think that maybe, just maybe, their lengthy search for a left-handed hitter with a power stroke had come to an end. Walker (.290-16-64 with a team-high 30 doubles) had six outfield assists and possesses a cannon-like arm, giving the Expos the best right field defense in the league.

In Marquis Grissom (.267-6-39 and an NL-leading 76 stolen bases) they also have probably the best center field defense. Grissom had 15 outfield assists in 138 games.

With Dave Martinez gone, John Vanderwal, a left-handed batter who hit .213 in 61 at-bats last season, may start in left field. Vanderwal may platoon with right-handed-hitting Moises Alou, who missed the entire 1991 season after suffering a spring-training injury.

BENCH

Expos pinch hitters had a .239 average last year, third-best in the NL, but they contributed just 16 runs, 25 RBI and 14 extra-base hits.

"We think we can fill in a lot of our bench spots with prospects," Duquette says, referring to farmhands Matt Stairs (.333 with 13 homers and 78 RBI in 129 games at double-A Harrisburg) and diminutive Rob Kataroff (.290-3-50 in 137 games in double-A).

Former Milwaukee farmhand George Canale (.234-10-47 at triple-A Denver and .176-3-10 after his call-up) and Darren Reed, former Mets farmhand, are other prospects. Reed didn't get a chance last year, since his season was ended after an Alejandro Pena pitch broke his right forearm in spring training.

Tom Foley (.208), a class act with the perfect demeanor for a bench player—and decent defensive skills—played all four infield positions in 1991 and will be back in '92. ■

EXPOS LEADERS '91

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					Indianapolis AAA	2	11.0	2-1	0	1.64
					W. Palm Beach A	2	7.0	0-0	0	0.00
46 Bottenfield, Kent	S-R	6-3	225	11-14-68	Indianapolis AAA	29	166.1	8-15	0	4.06
49 Farmer, Howard	R-R	6-3	192	1-18-66	Indianapolis AAA	20	105.0	6-4	0	3.86
39 Fassero, Jeff	L-L	6-1	195	1-5-63	Montreal	51	55.1	2-5	8	2.44
					Indianapolis AAA	18	18.1	3-0	4	1.47
41 Frey, Steve	R-L	5-9	170	7-29-63	Montreal	31	39.2	0-1	1	4.99
					Indianapolis AAA	30	35.2	3-1	3	1.51
28 Gardner, Mark	R-R	6-1	200	3-1-62	Montreal	27	168.1	9-11	0	3.85
					Indianapolis AAA	6	31.0	2-0	0	3.48
42 Haney, Chris	L-L	6-3	185	11-16-68	Montreal	16	84.2	3-7	0	4.04
					Indianapolis AAA	2	10.1	1-1	0	4.35
					Harrisburg AA	12	83.1	5-3	0	2.16
44 Hill, Ken	R-R	6-2	175	12-14-65	St. Louis	30	181.1	11-10	0	3.57
					Louisville AAA	1	1.0	0-0	0	0.00
56 Hurst, Jonathan	R-R	6-3	175	10-20-66	Harrisburg AA	6	42.0	5-0	0	0.86
					Tulsa A	5	25.0	2-1	1	2.16
					Miami A	15	99.1	8-2	0	2.90
52 Karchner, Matt	R-R	6-4	215	6-28-67	Baseball City A	38	73.0	6-3	5	1.97
32 Martinez, Dennis	R-R	6-1	180	5-14-55	Montreal	31	222.0	14-11	0	2.39
43 Nabholz, Chris	L-L	6-5	212	1-5-67	Montreal	24	153.2	8-7	0	3.63
					Indianapolis AAA	4	19.1	2-2	0	1.86
48 Piatt, Doug	L-R	6-1	190	9-26-65	Montreal	21	34.2	0-0	0	2.60
					Indianapolis AAA	44	47.0	6-4	13	3.45
50 Risley, Bill	R-R	6-2	210	5-29-67	Nashville AAA	8	44.0	3-5	0	4.91
					Chattanooga AA	19	108.1	5-7	0	3.16
51 Rojas, Mel	R-R	5-11	185	12-10-66	Montreal	37	48.0	3-3	6	3.75
					Indianapolis AAA	14	52.2	4-2	1	4.10
55 Sampen, Bill	R-R	6-2	195	1-18-63	Montreal	43	92.1	9-5	0	4.00
					Indianapolis AAA	7	39.2	4-0	0	2.04
40 Wainhouse, David	L-R	6-2	185	11-7-67	Montreal	2	2.2	0-1	0	6.75
					Indianapolis AAA	14	28.2	2-0	1	4.08
					Harrisburg AA	33	52.0	2-2	11	2.60
57 Wetteland, John	R-R	6-2	195	8-21-66	Los Angeles	6	9.0	1-0	0	0.00
					Albuquerque AAA	41	61.1	4-3	20	2.79
60 Young, Pete	R-R	6-0	225	3-19-68	Harrisburg AA	54	90.0	7-5	13	2.60

CATCHERS

8	Carter, Gary	R-R	6-2	214	4-8-54	Los Angeles	101	248	.246	6	26	2
15	Colbrunn, Greg	R-R	6-0	190	7-26-69	Injured—Did not play						
24	Fletcher, Darrin	L-R	6-1	199	10-3-66	Philadelphia	46	136	.228	1	12	0
					Scranton AAA	90	306	.284	8	50	1	
54	Kremers, Jimmy	L-R	6-3	210	10-8-65	Indianapolis AAA	98	290	.241	11	42	2
53	Laker, Tim	R-R	6-2	185	11-27-69	Harrisburg AA	11	35	.286	1	5	0
					W. Palm Beach A	100	333	.231	5	33	10	
58	Natal, Robert	R-R	5-11	190	11-13-65	Indianapolis AAA	16	41	.317	0	9	1
					Harrisburg AA	100	336	.256	13	53	1	
2	Reyes, Gilberto	R-R	6-2	212	12-10-63	Montreal	83	207	.217	0	13	2

INFELDERS

25	Barberie, Bret	S-R	5-11	180	8-16-67	Montreal	57	136	.353	2	18	0
						Indianapolis AAA	71	218	.312	10	48	10
	Canale, George	L-R	6-1	190	8-11-65	Milwaukee	21	34	.176	3	10	0
						Denver AAA	88	274	.234	10	47	6
12	Cordero, Wilfredo	R-R	6-2	185	10-3-71	Indianapolis AAA	98	360	.261	11	52	8
4	DeShields, Delino	L-R	6-1	170	1-15-69	Montreal	151	563	.238	10	51	56
16	Foley, Tom	L-R	6-1	175	9-9-59	Montreal	86	168	.208	0	15	2
11	Owen, Spike	S-R	5-10	170	4-19-61	Montreal	139	424	.255	3	26	2
29	Wallach, Tim	R-R	6-3	202	9-14-57	Montreal	151	577	.225	13	73	2

OUTFIELDERS

18	Alou, Moises	R-R	6-3	190	7-3-66		Injured—Did not play					
22	Calderon, Ivan	R-R	6-1	221	3-19-62	Montreal	134	470	.300	19	75	31
9	Grissom, Marquis	R-R	5-11	190	4-17-67	Montreal	148	558	.267	6	39	76
5	Reed, Darren	R-R	6-1	205	10-16-65		Injured—Did not play					
59	Stairs, Matt	R-R	5-9	175	2-27-69	Harrisburg AA	129	505	.333	13	78	23
23	Vanderwal, John	L-L	6-2	190	4-29-66	Montreal	21	61	.213	1	8	0
						Indianapolis AAA	133	478	.293	15	71	8
33	Walker, Larry	L-R	6-3	215	12-1-66	Montreal	137	487	.290	16	64	14

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Coaches: Felipe Alou, Tommy Harper, Joe Kerrigan, Jerry Manuel, Jay Ward



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May 29, 30, 31 L.A.
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June 5 (2), 7 at MON.
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June 12, 13, 14 MON.
June 15, 16, 17 STL.
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June 29, 30, July 1 N.Y.
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Sept. 23, 24 at PHI.
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Oct. 2, 3, 4 MON.

MONTREAL

Apr. 6, 7, 8, 9 at PIT.
Apr. 10, 11, 12 at N.Y.
Apr. 13, 14, 15 STL.
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June 26, 27, 28 PIT.
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July 30, 31, Aug. 1, 2 PHI.
Aug. 3, 4, 5 CHI.
Aug. 6, 7, 8, 9 at PHI.
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Sept. 21, 22 PHI.
Sept. 23, 24 PIT.
Sept. 25, 26, 27 CHI.
Sept. 28, 29, 30 at STL.
Oct. 2, 3, 4 CHI.

NEW YORK

Apr. 6, 7, 8, 9 at STL.
Apr. 10, 11, 12 MON.
Apr. 13, 14, 15 PHI.
Apr. 17, 18, 19 at MON.
Apr. 20, 21, 22, 23 STL.
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PHILADELPHIA

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PITTSBURGH

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ST. LOUIS

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ATLANTA

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CINCINNATI

Apr. 6, 7, 8 S.D.
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HOUSTON

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LOS ANGELES

Apr. 6, 7 S.F.
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Oct. 2, 3, 4 at HOU.

SAN DIEGO

Apr. 6, 7, 8 at CIN.
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By JERRY CRASNICK
Cincinnati Post

When a Cincinnati Reds player hits a home run at Riverfront Stadium, tradition calls for an accompanying round of explosives launched from an Ohio River barge. For a fifth-place team, the Reds created their share of fireworks in 1991.

After winning the world championship with pitching, speed and defense, the Reds tried to thump their way to the 1991 title. They led the National League with 164 home runs (compared to 125 the previous season) and ranked first in slugging percentage (.403) and total bases (2,215).

All that offense, however, was strictly show. The Reds, beset with injuries and pitching problems, finished 74-88.

The club's principal off-season objective was to upgrade its starting pitching. "We looked at the Twins and Atlanta, and compared them to our ballclub," said manager Lou Piniella. "We consistently put a better product on the field, but we just couldn't match up pitching-wise. It's no accident that the two teams with the best pitching finished 1-2."

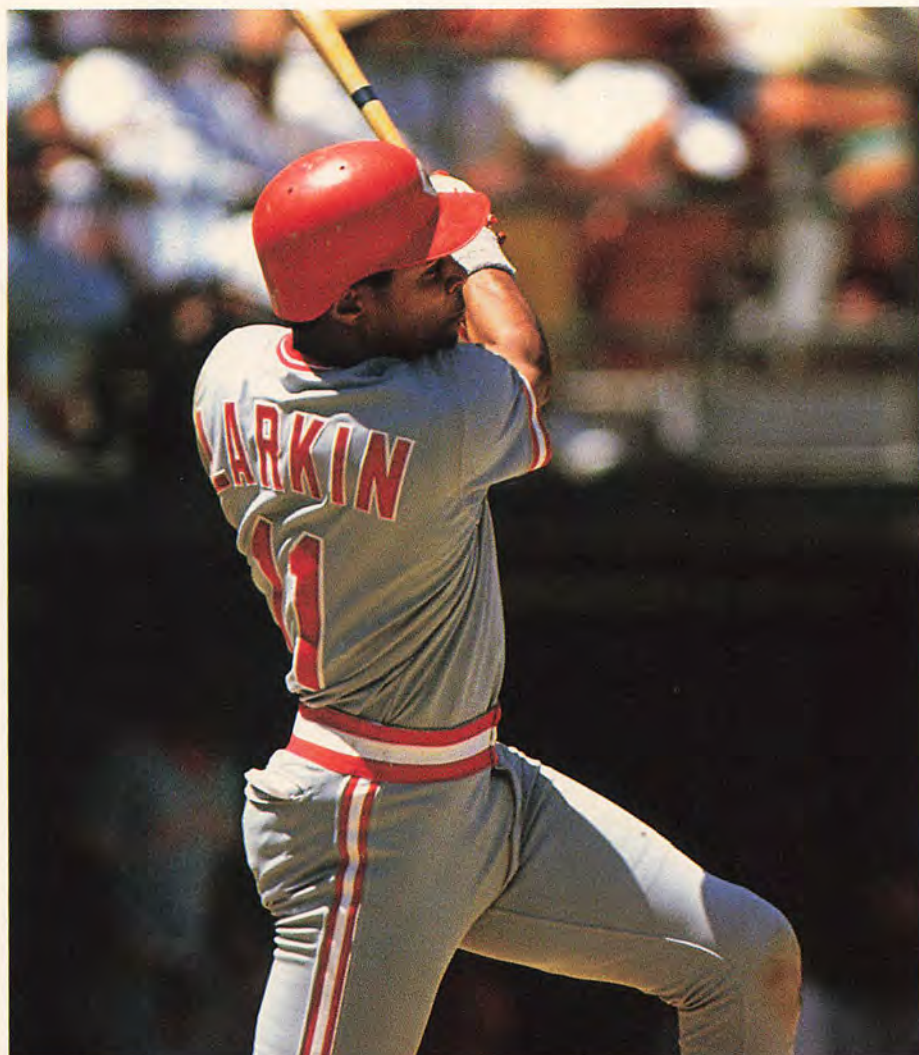
The Reds got down to business in mid-November when they acquired veteran left-hander Greg Swindell (9-16, 3.48) from Cleveland in exchange for pitchers Scott Scudder, Jack Armstrong and Joe Turek. Later in the month, in a trade with Los Angeles, Cincinnati obtained right-handed starter Tim Lincecum (10-9, 2.62) and reliever John Wetteland for outfielder Eric Davis and pitcher Kip Gross. During the winter meetings, the Reds sent Wetteland and minor league pitcher Bill Risley to Montreal for outfielder Dave Martinez, reliever Scott Ruskin and minor league infielder Willie Greene.

The Reds are convinced 1991 was an aberration. Now they have to prove it.

STARTING PITCHING

Cincinnati's brass feels that starters Jose Rijo, Tom Browning, Swindell and Belcher compare favorably with any quartet that rival NL West clubs can muster.

Rijo (15-6, 2.51) is nearing a career season. The most severe jolt to the Reds' division title hopes came in late June, when he fractured his ankle on an aborted steal of second. Rijo re-



BARRY LARKIN

turned five weeks later and was nearly unhittable thereafter.

Rijo finished fourth in the National League Cy Young voting. He ranked among league leaders in victories, ERA, winning percentage (.714), opponents batting average (.219) and strikeouts (172). Given Rijo's history of injuries, the Reds may have taken a risk when they signed him to a three-year, \$9 million deal last year. But the burden of carrying a staff seems to agree with Rijo. He pitched 200-plus innings for the first time in his career.

Browning doesn't have Rijo's charisma—or stuff. All he does is win. Despite a 14-14 record in 1991, Browning is 107-75 lifetime. Not bad for a man whose fastball usually tops out at 84 mph.

Browning made the NL All-Star team for the first time last season but turned an ankle running the bases in early August and never recovered. He went 1-6 in his last seven starts and

finished with a 4.18 ERA. Although Browning allows numerous home runs, he is a virtual lock to contribute 230 innings and 15 wins per season.

Like Browning, Swindell always is around the plate. He walked only 1.17 batters for every nine innings last season, best among American League pitchers with 100 or more innings. Swindell stood seventh in strikeouts with 169.

Piniella is convinced that Swindell and Belcher can be big winners. Although Belcher won only one game more than he lost in '91, he was 36-27 in his three previous seasons with the Dodgers. He ranked fourth in the NL in ERA and seventh in strikeouts with 156.

The trade of Scudder and Armstrong cleared the way for Chris Hammond (7-7, 4.06) to claim a spot in the rotation. Hammond throws a decent fastball and the best change-up in Cincinnati since Mario Soto. However, he needs to develop durability. Hammond has faded early

Probable Opening Day Lineup

Bip Roberts
Dave Martinez
Barry Larkin
Paul O'Neill
Chris Sabo
Hal Morris
Bill Doran
Joe Oliver
Jose Rijo

LF
CF
SS
RF
3B
1B
2B
C
P



JOSE RIJO

with arm problems the last couple of seasons.

The Reds shopped for another starter during the off-season. Waiting in the wings is Mo Sanford, a rangy right-hander with a live fastball but an inconsistent curve. Tim Pugh, a promising AAA pitcher, probably is a year away.

RELIEF PITCHING

Rob Dibble was busy through June. He wrested the closer's job from Randy Myers, who was traded to San Diego for outfielder-infielder Bip Roberts at the winter meetings. Dibble saved 23 straight games despite two suspensions for on-the-field hijinks. But the second half was a washout for Dibble. He blew five of his last 13 save opportunities and watched his ERA soar from 1.29 to 3.17.

Some think Dibble lost his intensity after visiting a counselor (he quit going after two

sessions) to iron out some personal difficulties. His main problem, however, might have been the Reds' inept play. Cincinnati won only 30 of its last 84 games, so Dibble rarely was used in the high-pressure situations he thrives on. He vowed to spend the winter regaining his "animal magnetism."

Norm Charlton began the 1991 season in Cincinnati's starting rotation. But after he went on the disabled list twice with tendinitis in his left shoulder, the Reds announced his return to the bullpen.

Charlton fires a mean forkball (Giants manager Roger Craig has accused him of throwing a spitter), and he's not hesitant to pitch inside. Charlton hit six batters in 108 innings and received a seven-game suspension when he admitted throwing at Dodgers catcher Mike Scioscia intentionally.

Ruskin (4-4, 4.24 and six saves) will provide needed help in middle relief against left-handed hitters. Opposing batters could only manage a .241 average against the left-hander.

The Reds liked right-hander Steve Foster, who held opponents to a .143 batting average in 14 innings of work. Milt Hill, a crafty sinker-slider pitcher, also has a shot to make the staff.

CATCHING

Piniella wasn't pleased with his catchers last season. He lobbied for general manager Bob Quinn to promote top prospect Dan Wilson from double-A Chattanooga. But the club ultimately decided to stick with Joe Oliver and Jeff Reed, with mixed results.

Oliver (.216-11-41), a skilled thrower and clutch hitter during his first full season, experienced a forgettable '91.

Oliver's season was shaky both offensively and defensively. He ground into a team-high 14 double plays. Oliver produced six home runs and 21 RBI against Atlanta, but only five homers and 20 RBI against the rest of the league. He underwent arthroscopic surgery to repair a rotator cuff injury after the season.

While Reed's throwing has been mediocre, his hitting has improved. In the last three seasons, Reed has raised his average from .223 to .267.

During the off-season, the Reds signed Bob Geren, a right-handed-batting veteran who hit .219 in 64 games for the New York Yankees.

Cincinnati, with an abundance of catchers, added yet another, Troy Afenir, to its 40-man spring-training roster over the winter. The future, however, belongs to Wilson, an exceptional defensive catcher and contact hitter. It's likely he'll open the season in the minors, but if he's ready, the Reds won't coddle him.

INFIELD

This might be the Reds' most impressive contingent of players. It's certainly their most stable. The foursome has experience in second baseman Bill Doran, great promise in first baseman Hal Morris and All-Stars in a shortstop with power,

Barry Larkin, and third baseman Chris Sabo.

Morris, a left-handed hitter acquired from the Yankees in a 1989 trade, could be a future batting champion. In his first full season, Morris (.318-14-59) wound up one point behind Atlanta's Terry Pendleton in '91.

Morris took some heat for sitting out many games against left-handers down the stretch. However, he played with a sore right shoulder for much of the second half. Morris hit .336 against right-handers and a respectable .252 against left-handers. He should play every day this season.

Doran (.280), entering the second year of a three-year, \$7.3 million deal, isn't the same player he was in Houston. Back problems limit his mobility in the field and on the base paths. Still, Doran plays in pain and is clearly the team's most patient hitter. His ability to work the count and put the ball in play makes him a valuable hitter at the bottom of the order.

Larkin's (.302-20-69) biggest problem in 1991 was staying healthy. He suffered injuries to his right elbow, neck and Achilles tendon, and missed 39 games. Regardless, the versatile Larkin is the best shortstop this side of Cal Ripken. Larkin has made four consecutive All-Star teams and has hit over .300 three years in a row. He has averaged 25 stolen bases the last five seasons.

Larkin added a power dimension in 1991. Despite only 464 at-bats, he tied Leo Cardenas' club record for home runs by a shortstop with 20. Larkin equaled the major league record for most home runs in two consecutive games with five on June 27-28. Unlike Sabo, who pulls most of his home runs, Larkin has shown the ability to drive the ball to center or right field.



HAL MORRIS

Though Larkin might have been Cincinnati's most spectacular player in 1991, Sabo (.301-26-88) was the club MVP. He appeared in 153 games despite chronically sore knees, and became the first Reds third baseman to bat .300 since Ray Knight hit .318 in 1979.

Sabo's knee problems have hampered his all-out style of play. He stole 19 bases in 25 attempts but wasn't nearly as aggressive or reckless taking the extra base. Defensively, Sabo catches everything he gets to and displays an extremely accurate throwing arm.

OUTFIELD

The newcomers in the outfield are the 5-7, switch-hitting Roberts (.281-3-32), who stole 26 bases in '91, and Martinez (.295-7-42). Roberts will lead off and play left field, while Martinez will bat second and play center field.

Paul O'Neill (.256-28-91), who spent four years teasing the Reds with potential, elevated his game in 1991. The right fielder led the team in home runs, RBI, doubles (36) and walks (73)—all career highs—and made the All-Star team for the first time.

Reggie Sanders (.200 in only nine games) is the wild card of the group. Cincinnati had hoped to look at him last September, but Sanders separated his right shoulder, then hyperextended his knee. A converted shortstop, he's still learning to play center field. The Reds dispatched coach Jose Cardenal to Puerto Rico in December to tutor Sanders in outfield play.

The Reds might lack enough playing time to accommodate both Billy Hatcher and Glenn Braggs, two serviceable, right-handed hitting outfielders.

The tenacious Hatcher was hampered by injuries to his groin and shoulder last season. He stole only 11 bases in 138 games. Braggs, a streak hitter with some power (11 home runs in 250 at-bats), missed the final six weeks with a pulled hamstring.

BENCH

Intent on trimming the payroll, Cincinnati elected not to re-sign Carmello Martinez, Herm Winningham, Mariano Duncan and Luis Quinones, who earned a combined \$2.6 million in '91.

Youngsters and castoffs will fill a large part of the void. Shortstop Fred Benavides (.286 in 24 games), who has good range and an outstanding arm but a suspect bat, could serve as Larkin's backup.

The Reds did a complete overhaul at the triple-A level, releasing 13 players and signing 17 minor league free agents. Jacob Brumfield, an outfielder from the Kansas City organization, who batted .267 and stole 36 bases for triple-A Omaha, and Mark Howie, who hit .364 for California's double-A affiliate in Midland, Texas, have a shot. Piniella said veteran infielder Gary Green and utilityman Darnell Coles also will get a look in spring training. ■

REDS LEADERS '91

Avg.	Morris	.318	HR	O'Neill	28	RBI	O'Neill	91	SB	Larkin	24
ERA	Rijo	2.51	Wins	Rijo	15	K's	Rijo	172	Saves	Dibble	31

PITCHERS

No.	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1991 Club	G	IP	W-L	Sv	ERA	
62	Ayala, Bobby	R-R	6-2	190	7-8-69	Chattanooga AA	39	90.2	3-1	4	4.67
31	Belcher, Tim	R-R	6-3	220	10-19-61	Los Angeles	33	209.1	10-9	0	2.62
32	Browning, Tom	L-L	6-1	195	4-28-60	Cincinnati	36	230.1	14-14	0	4.18
37	Charlton, Norm	S-L	6-3	205	1-6-63	Cincinnati	39	108.1	3-5	1	2.91
49	Dibble, Rob	L-R	6-4	230	1-24-64	Cincinnati	67	82.1	3-5	31	3.17
54	Foster, Steve	R-R	6-0	180	8-16-66	Cincinnati	11	14.0	0-0	0	1.93
					Nashville AAA	41	54.2	2-3	12	2.14	
					Chattanooga AA	17	15.2	0-2	10	1.15	
61	Garcia, Victor	R-R	6-2	195	9-15-69	Nashville AAA	15	24.0	2-0	0	2.63
					Chattanooga AA	40	50.0	5-3	5	1.98	
45	Hammond, Chris	L-L	6-1	190	1-21-66	Cincinnati	20	99.2	7-7	0	4.06
48	Henry, Dwayne	R-R	6-3	230	2-16-62	Houston	52	67.2	3-2	2	3.19
39	Hill, Milton	R-R	6-0	180	8-22-65	Cincinnati	22	33.1	1-1	0	3.78
					Nashville AAA	37	67.1	3-3	3	2.94	
53	Hoffman, Trevor	R-R	6-1	200	10-13-67	Chattanooga AA	14	14.0	1-0	8	1.93
					Cedar Rapids A	27	33.2	1-1	12	1.87	
43	Layana, Tim	R-R	6-2	190	3-2-64	Cincinnati	22	20.2	0-2	0	6.97
					Nashville AAA	26	47.1	3-1	1	3.23	
33	Minutelli, Gino	L-L	6-0	190	5-23-64	Cincinnati	16	25.1	0-2	0	6.04
					Nashville AAA	13	80.1	4-7	0	1.90	
					Charleston A	2	8.0	1-0	0	0.00	
60	Powell, Ross	L-L	6-0	180	1-24-68	Nashville AAA	24	129.2	8-8	0	4.37
33	Pugh, Tim	R-R	6-6	225	1-26-67	Nashville AAA	23	148.2	7-11	0	3.81
					Chattanooga AA	5	38.1	3-1	0	1.64	
27	Rijo, Jose	R-R	6-2	210	5-13-65	Cincinnati	30	204.1	15-6	0	2.51
28	Ruskin, Scott	R-L	6-2	195	6-6-63	Montreal	64	63.2	4-4	6	4.24
52	Sanford, Mo	R-R	6-6	225	12-24-66	Cincinnati	5	28.0	1-2	0	3.86
					Nashville AAA	5	33.2	3-0	0	1.60	
					Chattanooga AA	16	95.1	7-4	0	2.74	
63	Satre, Jason	R-R	6-1	180	8-24-70	Chattanooga AA	8	44.0	1-7	0	5.11
					Cedar Rapids A	21	132.2	8-6	1	2.58	
29	Swindell, Greg	R-L	6-3	225	1-2-65	Cleveland	33	238.0	9-16	0	3.48

CATCHERS

38	Afenir, Troy	R-R	6-4	195	9-21-63	Oakland	5	11	0.91	0	0	0
						Tacoma AAA	80	262	.244	10	38	0
25	Geren, Bob	R-R	6-3	225	9-22-61	New York (AL)	64	128	.219	2	12	0
9	Oliver, Joe	R-R	6-3	210	7-24-65	Cincinnati	94	269	.216	11	41	0
34	Reed, Jeff	L-R	6-2	190	11-12-62	Cincinnati	91	270	.267	3	31	0
55	Sutko, Glenn	R-R	6-3	225	5-9-68	Cincinnati	10	10	.100	0	1	0
						Nashville AAA	45	134	.209	3	15	1
						Chattanooga AA	23	63	.286	3	11	0

INFELDERS

57	Benavides, Freddie	R-R	6-2	185	4-7-66	Cincinnati	24	63	.286	0	3	1
					Nashville AAA	94	331	.242	0	21	7	
58	Branson, Jeff	L-R	6-0	180	1-26-67	Nashville AAA	43	145	.241	0	11	5
					Chattanooga AA	88	304	.263	2	28	3	
19	Doran, Bill	S-R	6-0	180	5-28-58	Cincinnati	111	361	.280	6	35	5
51	Lane, Brian	R-R	6-3	215	6-15-69	(Injured—did not play)						
11	Larkin, Barry	R-R	6-0	190	4-28-64	Cincinnati	123	464	.302	20	69	24
23	Morris, Hal	L-L	6-4	215	4-9-65	Cincinnati	136	478	.318	14	59	10
17	Sabo, Chris	R-R	6-0	185	1-19-62	Cincinnati	153	582	.301	26	88	19

OUTFIELDERS

15	Briggs, Glenn	R-R	6-4	220	10-17-62	Cincinnati	85	250	.260	11	39	11
46	Brumfield, Jacob	R-R	6-0	170	5-27-65	Omaha AAA	111	397	.267	3	43	36
22	Hatcher, Billy	R-R	5-10	190	10-4-60	Cincinnati	138	442	.262	4	41	11
68	Hernandez, Cesar	R-R	6-0	160	9-28-66	Harrisburg AA	128	418	.254	13	52	34
30	Martinez, Dave	L-L	5-10	175	9-26-64	Montreal	124	396	.295	7	42	16
21	O'Neill, Paul	L-L	6-4	215	2-25-63	Cincinnati	152	532	.256	28	91	12
10	Roberts, Bip	S-R	5-7	165	10-27-63	San Diego	117	424	.281	3	32	26
16	Sanders, Reggie	R-R	6-1	180	12-1-67	Cincinnati	9	40	.200	1	3	1
						Chattanooga AA	86	302	.315	8	49	15

Manager: Lou Piniella

Coaches: John McLaren, Jackie Moore, Tony Perez, Sam Perlozzo, Larry Rothschild

By JOE STRAUSS
The Atlanta Journal and Constitution

John Schuerholz called his shot. At the 1990 winter meetings in Rosemont, Ill., his first as general manager of the Atlanta Braves, he proclaimed this to be "the age of acquisition."

Coupled with a pitching-rich foundation laid by his predecessor turned manager, Bobby Cox, Schuerholz's efforts provided what had been the National League's sad-sack entry with a new outlook and a chance to win.

Ten months later, Schuerholz conceded, "I didn't think it would happen this quickly."

For his 1991 club, Schuerholz landed free agents Terry Pendleton, Sid Bream, Rafael Belliard, Mike Heath and Juan Berenguer while retaining pitcher Charlie Leibrandt.

Among players Schuerholz inherited were outfield stars David Justice and Ron Gant, and pitchers Tom Glavine and Steve Avery. Glavine won the first-ever Cy Young Award by an Atlanta pitcher, and Avery went from three-game winner in 1990 to national sensation. Unlike most pennant winners, the Braves enjoy the luxury of youth, protecting themselves for several years against the ravages of free agency. The Braves won the pennant with baseball's No. 21 payroll.

They might do it again.

Probable Opening Day Lineup

Lonnie Smith	LF
Jeff Treadway	2B
Terry Pendleton	3B
Ron Gant	CF
David Justice	RF
Brian Hunter	1B
Greg Olson	C
Rafael Belliard	SS
Tom Glavine	P

STARTING ROTATION

Cox's return to the dugout coincided with the arrival of young arms as a force.

Glavine, 25, finished his third full season with a 20-11 record and 2.55 ERA, nearly two full points below his career mark prior to 1991. Avery (18-8, 3.38), 21, won a pair of 1-0 dramas against the Pittsburgh Pirates in the NL Championship Series. Leibrandt (15-13, 3.49) gave the Braves their third left-handed 15-game winner, and John Smoltz (14-13, 3.80), 24, recovered from a 2-11 first half to salvage a winning record. Avery, Glavine and Smoltz blossomed with a 52-32 record, most wins by three starters of any NL team. As a staff, the Braves recovered from baseball's worst ERA (4.58) to post the NL's third-best (3.49).

"They've got it all, quantity and quality," says Pirates manager Jim Leyland. "You can't manufacture talent and they have lots of it."

Glavine established an Atlanta Braves' record

for wins by a left-hander (Warren Spahn won 23 twice for the Milwaukee Braves), shattering the high of 15 set by Zane Smith in 1987. Glavine's victories came after he rediscovered an effective change-up. His strikeout total has improved each of the last three seasons while walking fewer than three per nine innings.

Smoltz's season—and possibly his career—quickly improved following his consultation with sports psychologist Jack Llewellyn during the All-Star break. Despite his first-half malaise, Smoltz had lowered his midseason 5.16 ERA to 3.80 at season's end. Only his team's extra-inning loss to Minnesota in Game 7 of the World Series prevented him from performing a pitcher's ultimate trifecta: clinching wins for a division, league and world title.

Avery is considered the most gifted Atlanta pitcher. He already has elicited comparisons to

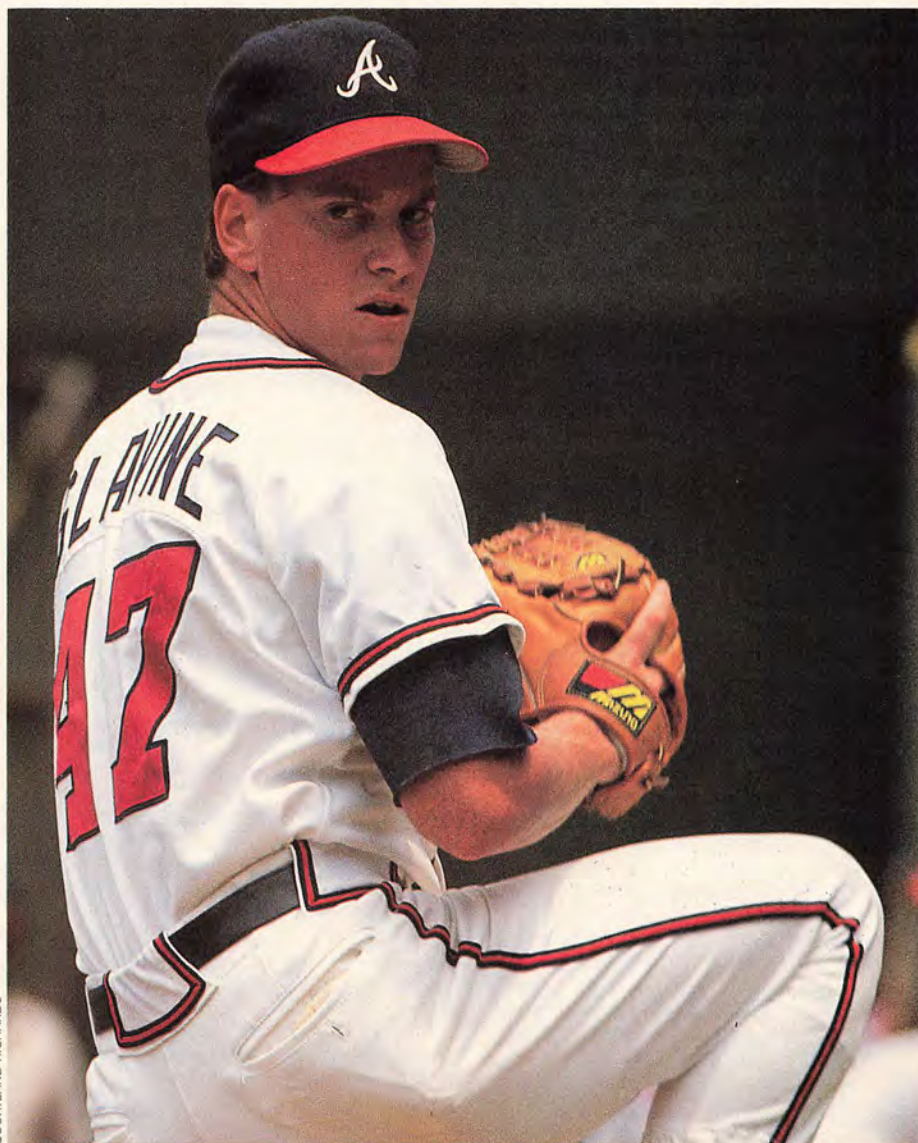
four-time Cy Young Award winner Steve Carlton. Cox says: "There are a lot more where they (Avery's 1991 wins) came from. He's amazing. Nothing fazes him."

Pete Smith, Rick Mahler, Kent Mercker and Armando Reynoso shared the role of fifth starter, combining for only 21 starts and nine wins. The Braves envision Smith as a middle reliever.

The acquisition of Mike Bielecki (13-11, 4.46) from the Chicago Cubs last September addressed the fifth-starter problem but did not prevent Schuerholz from exploring the free agent market in the off-season. Concern lingers over the combined 916 1/3 innings pitched by Avery, Glavine, Leibrandt and Smoltz.

RELIEF PITCHING

What was once wasteland now provides



TOM GLAVINE



RON GANT

much-needed leverage for meaningful trades.

Schuerholz acquired 37-year-old free agent Berenguer (0-3, 2.24, 17 saves) because of his dominance against right-handed hitters.

When Berenguer was disabled Aug. 13 with a stress fracture in his right forearm, rookie Mark Wohlers was promoted from Class AAA

and saved a game in his first major league appearance. When it became obvious that Atlanta was in the pennant race to stay, Schuerholz obtained Alejandro Pena from the New York Mets and was rewarded with 11 saves in as many regular-season opportunities. The patchwork enabled the bullpen to convert 48 of 59 save

chances, the best average (.813) in the major leagues.

Berenguer never had saved more than four games in any season and was labeled too wild to trust in critical situations. However, Schuerholz had little choice but to gamble, considering that his returning right-handed relievers notched only four saves in 1990.

Now, Atlanta has two veteran closers, Berenguer and Pena, and a rookie. Wohlers, 22, is considered the closer of the future while left-hander Mike Stanton, 24, recovered from shoulder surgery the year before to save seven games. It became clear during the postseason that NL Manager of the Year Cox favored Stanton over Wohlers regardless of matchups.

Complicating a numbers crunch is the return of Marvin Freeman from injury, and the conversion of Mercker from the rotation. Freeman is an intimidating presence when facing right-handed hitters.

'Poison Avery' Afflicts National League Hitters

Even before the deciding game of the World Series last October, Steve Avery was able to savor his transformation from a rookie on a last-place team to a pitcher of influence, even dominance, on a National League champion.

Pittsburgh Pirates center fielder Andy Van Slyke had this description of his trouble: "Poison Avery."

"I felt that I could get every hitter out," the 21-year-old Atlanta left-hander said after winning MVP honors in the NL Championship Series. "If I make my pitches, I don't think they're going to hit me."

Avery turned down a baseball scholarship to Stanford to sign with Atlanta after graduating from John F. Kennedy High School in Taylor, Mich., in 1988. In his senior year, he went 13-0 with an ERA of 0.51 and struck out 196 in 88½ innings. Avery pitched two no-hitters and seven shutouts. Playing outfield when not pitching, he batted .511 with eight home runs and 44 RBI.

The Braves made Avery the third player selected in the June draft of 1988. Two years later, they rushed him to Atlanta from triple A, and he lost to the Reds in Cincinnati, one of the 11 defeats in 14 decisions he sustained in his rookie season.

"Most people would have been affected by something like that," says Atlanta pitching coach Leo Mazzone, who was Avery's mentor at Richmond. "But Steve Avery is not most people. In my opinion, he's got as much talent as anybody in this game."

Atlanta pitcher John Smoltz says, "It got so

bad for me in my first year that sometimes I wasn't sure I wanted to go back out there. In some ways, I think Steve is ahead of where I was in my second year. His composure is fantastic. That's a big part of it."

It was predicted during spring training last year that Avery and Smoltz would combine for 30 wins. However, the pair had won only 10 games at the All-Star break. They surged for 22 afterward. Avery's record was 18-8, 3.38; Smoltz's was 14-13, 3.80.

Avery's 15-win improvement over 1990 was the biggest leap in either league. His 5.64 ERA of 1990 shrank to 3.38. He walked 45 in 99 innings as a rookie but only 41 in his last 151 innings pitched in 1991.

Avery is as cool as he is talented. He napped on a trainer's table before shutting out the Los Angeles Dodgers in Chavez Ravine last September. In the World Series, he was unaffected by the megadecibel noise levels inside the Metrodome.

Following Avery's second shutout of Pittsburgh in Game 6 of the NL Championship Series, Pirates pitching coach Ray Miller said, "I think I've got the best pitching in baseball. But he's not far behind."

Said Avery on that occasion: "I'd be lying if I said I expected this to happen this soon. I was just hoping to win 12 to 15 games during the season."

Success elevated Avery to sex-symbol status, and his car was mobbed during a post-Series parade down Peachtree Street in Atlanta.

—Joe Strauss



DAVID JUSTICE

CATCHING

Catcher had been the franchise's most consistently weak position.

Eight months after being signed by Atlanta in November 1989 as a minor league free agent, Greg Olson (.241-6-44) was an All-Star. The most underrated statistic of Atlanta's pennant drive was Olson catching all but two innings in 32 consecutive games that culminated in the clinching of the division title.

Heath returns after bone chips in his right elbow ended his season July 13. But because of Heath's offensive shortcomings (.209-1-12 in 139 at-bats), switch-hitting Damon Berryhill was acquired in September.

Olson has caught 224 games in two seasons, including 127 last year. He continued to struggle against right-handed pitching (.225) and on

the road (.196), but compensated against left-handers (.290) and at home (.287).

Jerry Willard, who appeared in only 17 games, could become a factor, depending on the health of Heath or Berryhill.

INFIELD

Schuerholz remedied the defensive deficiency at virtually every position.

Pendleton (.319-22-86) made 24 errors but also executed a number of plays no Atlanta third baseman had made in years. He led the league in batting and his home run total was a career-high.

The middle infield again will be crowded with shortstop Belliard, second basemen Jeff Treadway and Mark Lemke, and Jeff Blauser, who can play three infield positions. Belliard and Blauser alternated at shortstop last season. Treadway led the team in hitting (.320) but not the league because of too few at-bats. The limited number was caused by a bone-chip problem in his right hand. The switch-hitting Lemke (.234) is a superior fielder. He batted .417 to lead Atlanta in the World Series. Among his 10 hits were three triples.

Bream's (.253-11-45) tender right knee required two stays on the disabled list and gave rookie Brian Hunter (.251-12-50) a chance to play first base.

OUTFIELD

Where the Braves could have found weaknesses last season, they sometimes discovered strengths instead, especially in the outfield, which became the club's offensive backbone.

Justice (.275-21-87), 1990 NL Rookie of the Year, and Ron Gant (.251-32-105), one of three players in history to achieve consecutive 30 home run-30 stolen base seasons, provide youth, power and speed. Otis Nixon, a fine leadoff man, hit .297 and was runner-up in the NL in stolen bases with 72. Lonnie Smith, who homered in three consecutive World Series games, batted .275.

Nixon, who suffered a drug relapse last September and was suspended for 60 days, became a free agent and was re-signed to a two-year, \$5.6 million contract in December.

BENCH

Keith Mitchell (.318) came from Class AA Greenville to be a contributor on a pennant winner. However, because of the re-signing of Nixon, Mitchell may be the loser in this spring's numbers crunch.

Deion Sanders and Tommy Gregg likely will be retained for their left-handed bats. Sanders continues to split time between the NFL Atlanta Falcons. However, he and Gregg shared problems reaching base last season. Sanders hit .191, Gregg .187.

Switch-hitter Berryhill and left-handed batter Willard could help off the bench.

Utility infielder Steve Lyons (.241-4-17 at Boston) was signed as a free agent. ■

BRAVES LEADERS '91

Avg.	Treadway	.320	HR	Gant	32	RBI	Gant	105	SB	Nixon	72
ERA	Berenguer	2.24	Wins	Glavine	20	K's	Glavine	192	Saves	Berenguer	17

PITCHERS

No.	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1991 Club	G	IP	W-L	Sv	ERA	
33	Avery, Steve	L-L	6-4	190	4-14-70	Atlanta	35	210.1	18-8	0	3.38
48	Berenguer, Juan	R-R	5-11	220	11-30-54	Atlanta	49	64.1	0-3	17	2.24
36	Bielecki, Mike	R-R	6-3	195	7-31-59	Atlanta	2	1.2	0-0	0	0.00
					Chicago	39	172.0	13-11	0	4.50	
67	Burlingame, Dennis	R-R	6-4	200	6-17-69	Durham A	28	161.1	11-7	0	3.01
40	Freeman, Marvin	R-R	6-7	222	4-10-63	Atlanta	34	48.0	1-0	1	3.00
47	Glavine, Tom	L-L	6-1	190	3-25-66	Atlanta	34	246.2	20-11	0	2.55
56	Gomez, Pat	L-L	5-11	185	3-17-68	Richmond AAA	16	82.0	2-9	0	4.39
					Greenville AA	13	79.2	5-2	0	1.81	
32	Leibrandt, Charlie	R-L	6-3	200	10-4-56	Atlanta	36	229.2	15-13	0	3.49
50	Mercker, Kent	L-L	6-2	195	2-1-68	Atlanta	50	73.1	5-3	6	2.58
63	Murray, Matt	L-R	6-6	200	9-26-70	Durham A	2	7.0	1-0	0	1.29
62	Nied, David	R-R	6-2	175	12-22-68	Greenville AA	15	89.2	7-3	0	2.41
					Durham A	13	80.2	8-3	0	1.56	
26	Pena, Alejandro	R-R	6-1	203	6-25-59	Atlanta	15	19.1	2-0	11	1.40
					New York	44	63.0	6-1	4	2.71	
42	Reynoso, Armando	R-R	6-0	186	5-1-66	Atlanta	6	23.1	2-1	0	6.17
					Richmond AAA	22	131.0	10-6	0	2.61	
51	Rivera, Ben	R-R	6-6	210	1-11-69	Greenville AA	26	158.2	11-8	0	3.57
25	Smith, Pete	R-R	6-2	200	2-27-66	Atlanta	14	48.0	1-3	0	5.06
					Macon A	3	9.2	0-0	0	0.38	
29	Smoltz, John	R-R	6-3	185	5-15-67	Atlanta	36	229.2	14-13	0	3.80
30	Stanton, Mike	L-L	6-1	190	6-2-67	Atlanta	74	78.0	5-5	7	2.88
43	Wohlers, Mark	R-R	6-4	207	1-23-70	Atlanta	17	19.2	3-1	2	3.20
					Richmond AAA	23	26.1	1-0	21	1.03	
					Greenville AA	28	31.1	0-0	21	0.57	

CATCHERS

11	Berryhill, Damon	S-R	6-0	205	12-3-63	Atlanta	1	1	.000	0	0	0
						Chicago	62	159	.189	5	14	1
19	Cabrera, Francisco	R-R	6-4	193	10-10-66	Atlanta	44	95	.242	4	23	1
						Richmond AAA	32	119	.261	7	24	0
8	Heath, Mike	R-R	5-11	180	2-5-55	Atlanta	49	139	.209	1	12	0
64	Lopez, Javier	R-R	6-3	185	11-5-70	Durham A	113	384	.245	11	51	10
10	Olson, Greg	R-R	6-0	200	9-6-60	Atlanta	133	411	.241	6	44	1

INFELDERS

2	Belliard, Rafael	R-R	5-6	160	10-24-61	Atlanta	149	353	.249	0	27	3
4	Blauser, Jeff	R-R	6-0	170	11-8-65	Atlanta	129	352	.259	11	54	5
12	Bream, Sid	L-L	6-4	220	8-3-60	Atlanta	91	265	.253	11	45	0
65	Caraballo, Ramon	S-R	5-7	150	5-23-69	Durham A	120	444	.250	6	52	53
45	Castilla, Vinny	R-R	6-1	175	7-4-67	Atlanta	12	5	.200	0	0	0
						Richmond AAA	67	240	.225	7	36	1
						Greenville AA	66	259	.270	7	44	0
14	Hunter, Brian	R-L	6-0	195	3-4-68	Atlanta	97	271	.251	12	50	0
						Richmond AAA	48	181	.260	10	30	3
20	Lemke, Mark	S-R	5-9	167	8-13-65	Atlanta	136	269	.234	2	23	1
18	Lyons, Steve	S-R	6-3	192	6-3-60	Boston	87	212	.241	4	17	10
9	Pendleton, Terry	S-R	5-9	195	7-16-60	Atlanta	153	586	.319	22	86	10
15	Treadway, Jeff	L-R	5-11	170	1-22-63	Atlanta	106	306	.320	3	32	2

OUTFIELDERS

5	Gant, Ronnie	R-R	6-0	172	3-2-65	Atlanta	154	561	.251	32	105	34
16	Gregg, Tommy	L-L	6-1	190	7-29-63	Atlanta	72	107	.187	1	4	2
23	Justice, David	L-L	6-3	200	4-14-66	Atlanta	109	396	.275	21	87	8
17	Mitchell, Keith	R-R	5-10	180	8-6-69	Atlanta	48	66	.318	2	5	3
						Richmond AAA	25	95	.326	2	17	0
						Greenville AA	60	214	.327	10	47	12
						Durham A	64	201	.264	9	25	3
66	Nieves, Melvin	S-R	6-2	186	12-28-71	Atlanta	124	401	.297	0	26	72
1	Nixon, Otis	S-R	6-2	180	1-9-59	Atlanta	54	110	.191	4	13	11
24	Sanders, Deion	L-L	6-1	195	8-9-67	Atlanta	29	130	.262	5	16	12
						Richmond AAA	122	353	.275	7	44	9
27	Smith, Lonnie	R-R	5-9	190	12-22-55	Atlanta						

Manager: Bobby Cox

Coaches: Jim Beauchamp, Pat Corrales, Clarence Jones, Leo Mazzone, Jimmy Williams, Ned Yost



Terry Pendleton: the Braves' Indispensable Man

By JOE STRAUSS
The Atlanta Journal and Constitution

Free agent Terry Pendleton had a question for Atlanta Braves general manager John Schuerholz and manager Bobby Cox.

A four-year, \$10.2 million offer had been placed before Pendleton, but the question wasn't, "Where's the dotted line?"

Schuerholz had arrived in Atlanta on Oct. 10, 1990, to replace Cox as general manager. One of the conditions to Schuerholz's hiring was that Cox be retained as manager. Now, two months later, Pendleton wanted an answer before agreeing to multimillionaire status.

"I just wanted to make sure everybody was pushing in the same direction, that everybody was after the same thing," Pendleton says. "I wanted to hear it from both of them." Assurances given, he agreed to the most lucrative contract ever offered by the Braves.

If there was one player who best-illustrated Atlanta's unprecedented reversal from baseball's worst team in 1990 to the National League's best in 1991, it was Pendleton, the Braves' chunky third baseman. He went from a career-low .230 hitter in St. Louis to batting champion and Most Valuable Player in Atlanta.

"We would have been happy with Terry hitting .270 and playing like a Gold Glover," Cox says. "But we got a lot more. He'll make a great manager someday."

Pendleton helped make Cox a great manager (he was named NL Manager of the Year) last season. No batting champion had ever won a title by raising his average 89 points as Pendleton, who batted a career-high

.319, had. He led the league in hits (187), multihit games (52) and tied for first in total bases (303).

In May, Pendleton compiled a 15-game hitting streak; in July, he followed with a 14-game run; and with the Braves embroiled in a white-

hot pennant race with the Los Angeles Dodgers, he hit safely in 25 of his last 28 games.

"I think this is something people will look at when they refer to free agents as guys who have already had their best years and can't produce anymore," Pendleton says.

The Braves were virtually alone in their interest in Pendleton as a free agent. Only the New York Yankees provided a semblance of competition.

Pendleton had never hit more than 13 home runs in seven seasons at St. Louis. The effects of intimate Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium were dramatic, although Pendleton had never homered there before 1991.

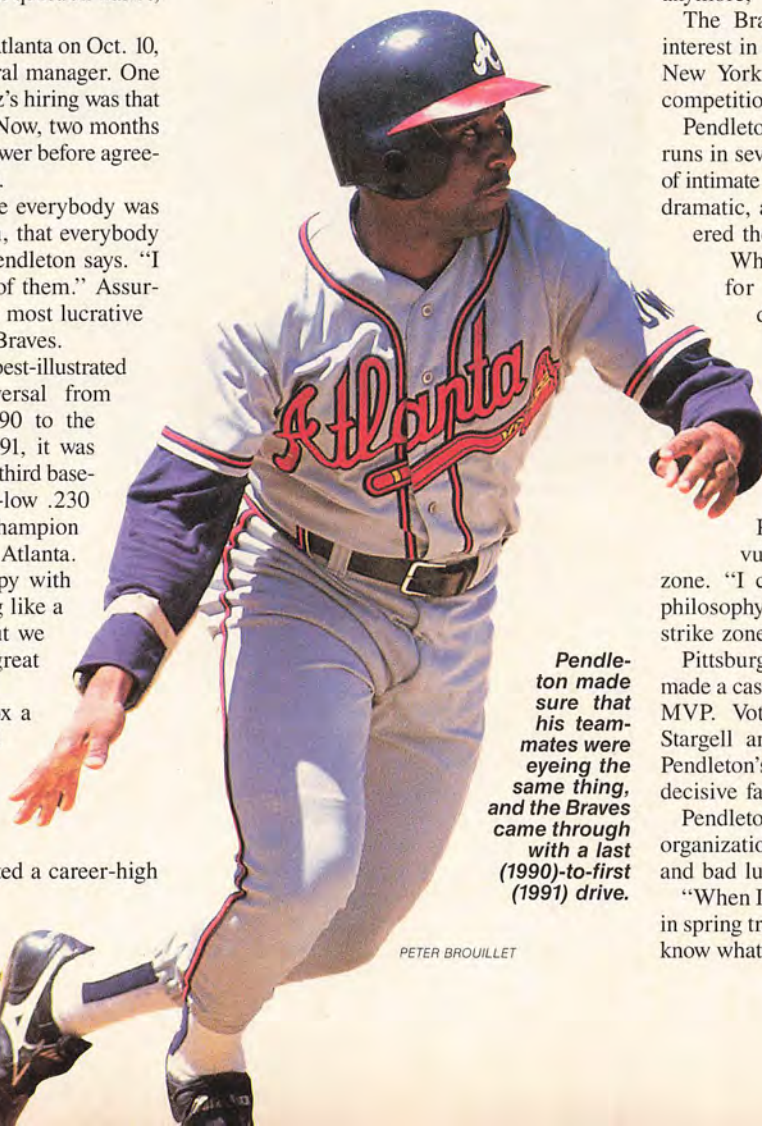
While Pendleton's year was remarkable for its consistency, he was most dangerous at home, where he batted .340 with 13 home runs (of his career-high 22), 51 runs scored and 48 RBI compared to .299, nine home runs, 43 runs and 38 RBI on the road.

"The only thing I changed was that I swung at strikes," says Pendleton, who previously had been vulnerable to balls above the strike zone. "I changed my stance a little but my philosophy's the same: I'm aggressive in the strike zone."

Pittsburgh Pirates left fielder Barry Bonds made a case for winning his second consecutive MVP. Voting was the closest since Willie Stargell and Keith Hernandez tied in 1979. Pendleton's clubhouse influence became the decisive factor.

Pendleton's success was a panacea for an organization long afflicted with poor judgment and bad luck concerning free agents.

"When I came in the Braves' clubhouse door in spring training that first day last year, I didn't know what to expect," Pendleton says. "I didn't



Pendleton made sure that his teammates were eyeing the same thing, and the Braves came through with a last (1990)-to-first (1991) drive.

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Terry Pendleton

know what the attitude would be. Here I was, trying to take over a leadership role, and nobody knows me. I was concerned how guys would take me."

Within the first week of camp, Pendleton and first baseman Sid Bream, also a new Brave, chaired a clubhouse meeting designed to eliminate any lingering apathy that may have survived a winter of upheaval following an abysmal 65-97 record.

Every free agent signed after the 1990 season—Pendleton, Bream, shortstop Rafael Belliard, reliever Juan Berenguer, catcher Mike Heath—could trace his roots to a championship of some kind. To a team without a winning season since 1983, without a division championship since 1982 and without a playoff victory in its 25-year history, it was more than coincidence.

"We tried to be very careful," says Schuerholz, who had no problem signing Pendleton when the rest of baseball focused on his frustrating '90 season. "It was important to me to get guys who had won. Terry's a great defensive player who could be the stabilizer on an infield that needed stabilization. I thought he could bounce back from a tough year."

The Atlanta clubhouse had been quiet in the 1980s, lacking a fire-eater who would assure teammates that losing could not be tolerated.

"Terry brought the leadership to this team that we hadn't had," says center fielder Ron Gant. "He kept me from getting down on myself."

Gant hit .251 but look at these numbers: 32 home runs, 105 RBI, 101 runs scored and 34 stolen bases. He became only the third player ever (Willie Mays and Bobby Bonds were the others) to compile consecutive 30 (home run)-30 (stolen base) seasons.

Pendleton's divorce from the Cardinals had been neither abrupt nor painless. A strained relationship with general manager Dal Maxvill ignited after Pendleton successfully took the Cardinals to arbitration before the 1990 season. "I knew after I beat the Cardinals in arbitration, I was history there," he says.

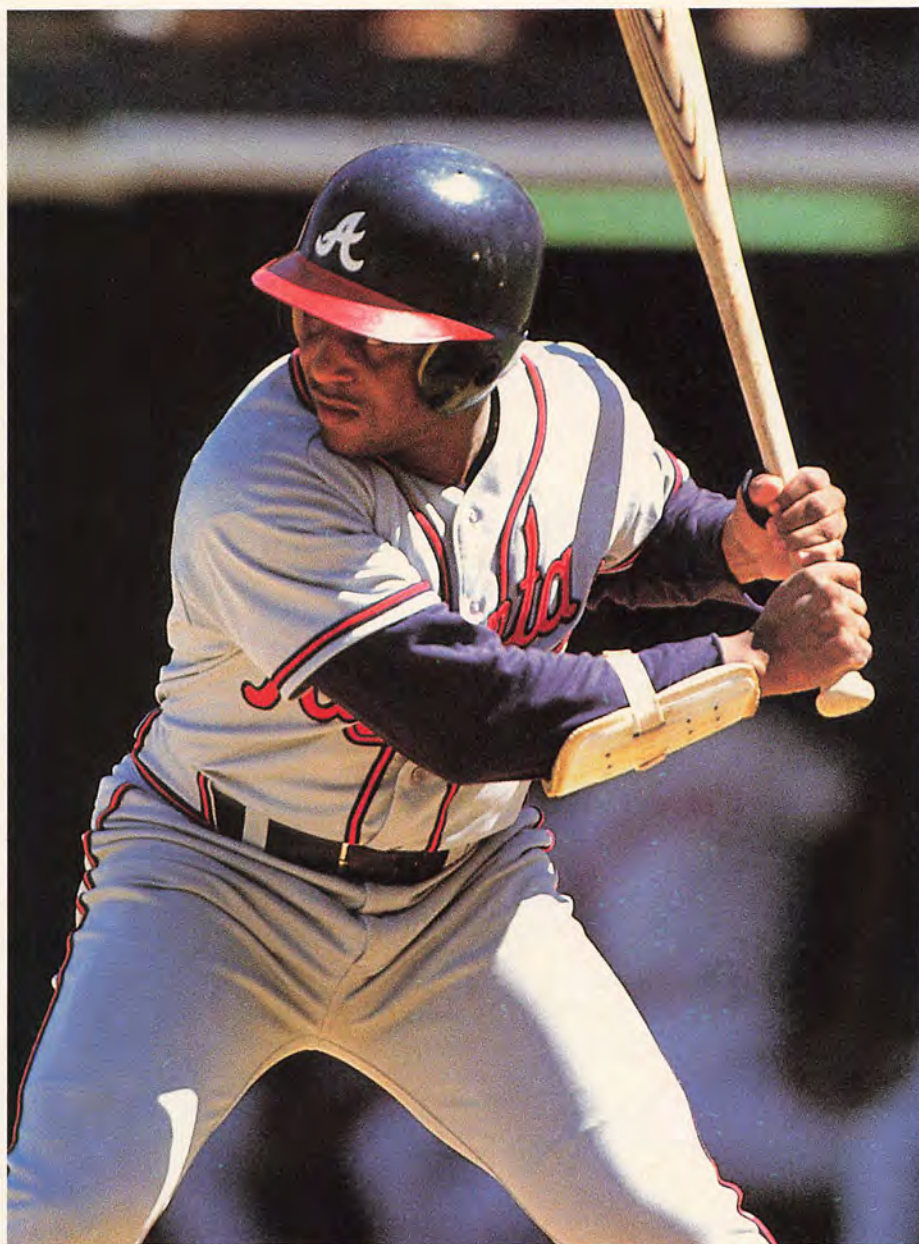
The 1990 season ended with Pendleton replaced at third base by converted catcher Todd Zeile. Pendleton started once during the final month of the Cardinals' only last-place season since 1918.

But Schuerholz saw him as cement to what had been baseball's worst infield. Pendleton has yet to make an All-Star team but his two Gold Glove awards, his reputation as a clubhouse presence and his World Series experience (1985 and 1987) captured Schuerholz's attention.

Pendleton, well aware of the Braves' miserable recent past, had no intention of becoming part of its continuance.

"The Braves were always a team you expected to beat," Pendleton says. "If you were going bad, you knew you could get well against them. Last year, we knew we could play with anybody coming out of spring training."

Few clubs have overcome the number of



Pendleton was ready to swing into action from the start of spring training.

distractions that confronted the Braves as they won the NL West, then the pennant and took the Minnesota Twins to the seventh game of the World Series before losing 1-0 in 10 innings. There was the spring-training injury to left fielder Lonnie Smith, which left a place on the roster for two-sport athlete Deion Sanders, who was eventually arrested on charges of obstructing a police officer May 23. On consecutive days in late June, right fielder David Justice and Bream were disabled. Justice didn't return until Aug. 20 because of a strained lower back. Bream returned too soon from arthroscopic knee surgery and was disabled again.

Within four days in August, relievers Marvin Freeman and Berenguer were lost for the sea-

son. The ultimate blow came Sept. 16 when the commissioner's office announced the 60-day suspension of left fielder and leadoff hitter Otis Nixon for violating baseball's drug policy. Nixon was leading the majors in stolen bases with 72 at the time, and the Braves were leading the NL West by 1½ games.

Rookies or reserves compensated, and Pendleton's example was equally significant.

Despite floating cartilage that occasionally caused his right knee to "lock up," Pendleton played without fail for four months. He sat out the last game of the season only after the Braves had clinched the division the day before.

"No one gets hurt this time of the year," Pendleton said during a clubhouse meeting. ■

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LOS ANGELES DODGERS



By ROSS NEWHAN
Los Angeles Times

A tumultuous winter of controversy and consternation, of player moves and rips began for the Los Angeles Dodgers with the final out of the 1991 season. Brett Butler and Darryl Strawberry questioned the heart and chemistry of a team that finished one game behind the title-winning Atlanta Braves in the National League West after leading by 9½ at the All-Star break.

Where and when it will end remains unclear, but the fallout is likely to be felt long into the 1992 season. The Dodgers are expected to open with several new faces: a new left fielder in Eric Davis, a new first baseman in Eric Karros or Todd Benzinger, a new shortstop in Jose Offerman, a new third baseman in Dave Hansen

and a new starting pitcher in Tom Candiotti.

Gone are first baseman Eddie Murray, shortstop Alfredo Griffin, pitchers Tim Belcher, Mike Morgan and John Wetteland, and utility man Chris Gwynn.

Los Angeles was left with an unproven infield and a restructured rotation.

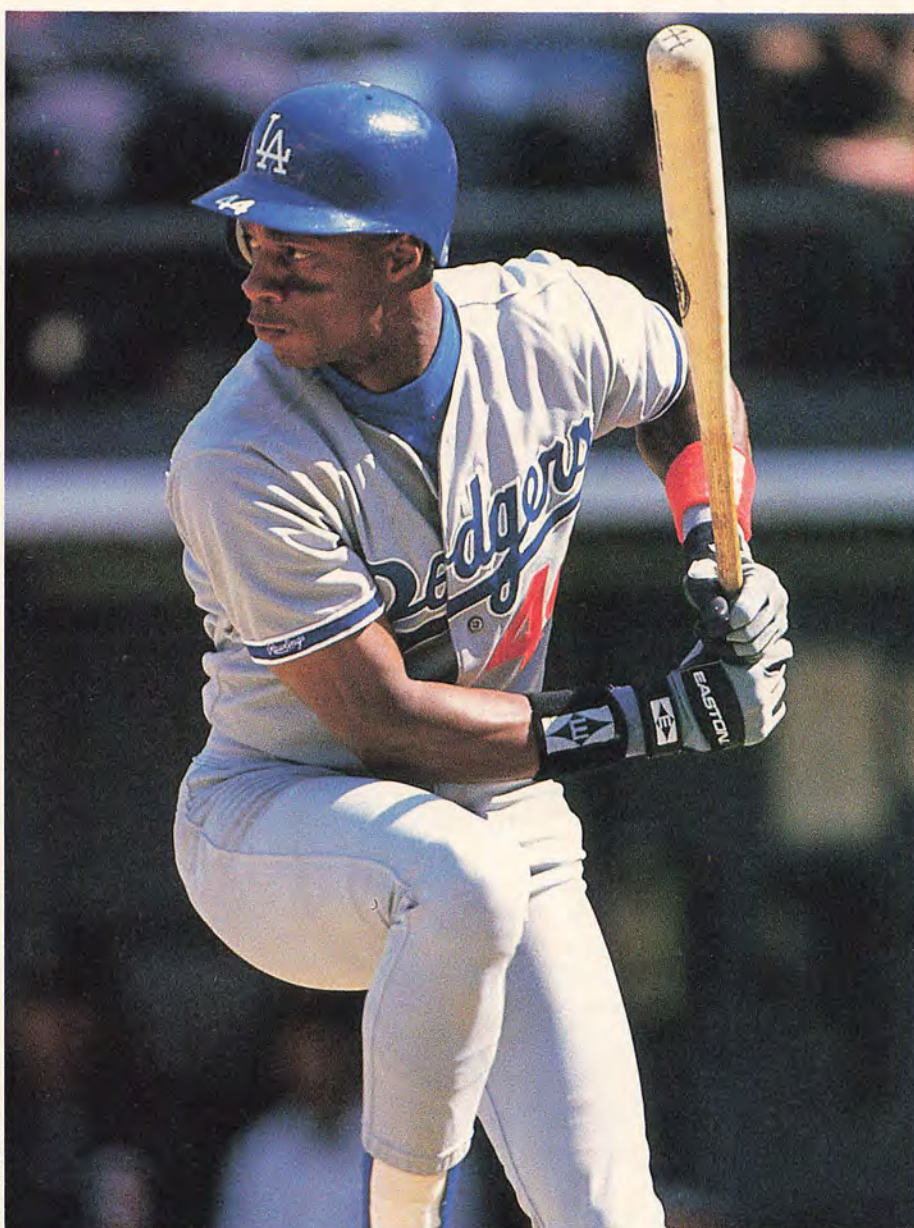
STARTING PITCHING

Belcher (10-9, 2.62), who threw 209½ innings, had the league's fourth-best earned-run average. Morgan (14-10, 2.78) threw 236½ innings. They were bulwarks of a staff that had the league's best ERA of 3.06, and both are gone.

Fred Claire, executive vice president of the Dodgers, refused to go beyond a three-year of-



BRETT BUTLER



DARRYL STRAWBERRY

fer to Morgan. He packaged Wetteland, a promising reliever, to Cincinnati for Davis, believing the acquisition of a right-handed batter was the Dodgers' No. 1 need.

In restructuring the rotation, Claire signed free agent Candiotti to a four-year, \$15.5 million contract and went a year more than he originally planned to re-sign Orel Hershisier for three years at \$10 million. Candiotti went 13-13 with Cleveland and Toronto last season. He finished second to Boston's Roger Clemens in the American League with a 2.65 ERA. Hershisier (7-2, 3.46), recovering from shoulder surgery, didn't get his first major league start of '91 until May 29.

The rest of the rotation consists now of Ramon Martinez (17-13, 3.27), Bob Ojeda (12-9, 3.18) and Kevin Gross (10-11, 3.58).

Probable Opening Day Lineup

Brett Butler	CF
Juan Samuel	2B
Darryl Strawberry	RF
Eric Davis	LF
Dave Hansen	3B
Eric Karros	1B
Mike Scioscia	C
Jose Offerman	SS
Ramon Martinez	P

"We lost two outstanding pitchers in Belcher and Morgan, but I think pitching still will be a strength," says Claire, who cited Candiotti's streak of pitching 200 or more innings for six straight seasons, his confidence in Hershisier's continuing comeback, the ongoing maturation of Martinez (who has 37 wins in the last two years) and the possibility that Pedro Martinez, Ramon's brother, is on the verge of major league stardom after going 18-8 at Class AAA, AA and A levels of the Dodgers' farm system last season.

RELIEF PITCHING

Roger McDowell was 6-3 with seven saves

in 33 appearances after his July 31 acquisition from Philadelphia (9-9, 2.93 overall), picking up the slack when Jay Howell pitched only three innings after Sept. 1 because of elbow trouble.

Free agent Howell (6-5, 3.18, 16 saves) accepted the Dodgers' arbitration offer and will return for the '92 season, but McDowell figures to remain the closer in what some view as a suspect bullpen.

The Dodgers hope that (1) Steve Wilson retains his September form (one hit and no runs in 8½ innings of 11 appearances after being claimed on waivers from the Cubs) and (2) Rudy Seanez, obtained in a December deal with Cleveland, finds a way to harness his 100 mph fastball. Seanez is out of options and must make the staff or be placed on waivers.

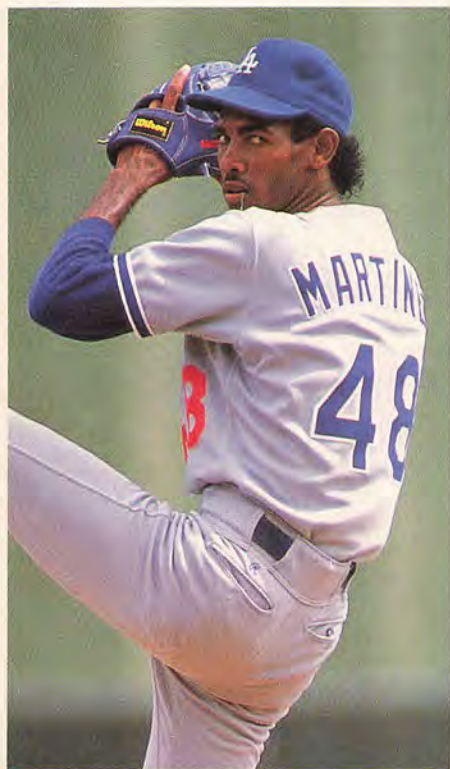
CATCHING

Mike Scioscia (.264), who appeared in only 119 games, drove in just 40 runs and was run on with increasing frequency. Though Scioscia returns as the No. 1 catcher, he may have competition from Carlos Hernandez, who batted .345 at triple-A Albuquerque. Hernandez definitely will be the backup, replacing Gary Carter.

INFIELD

Hernandez is only one piece in the changing puzzle. Claire says the club reached a crossroads at several positions, that the time was right for giving the best of the farm system a clear chance and that turnover was inevitable under the plan.

Other questions concern Offerman (.195 in 52 games) and Karros (.071 in 14 at-bats). Offer-



RAMON MARTINEZ

A Club in a State of Flux

In the aftermath of a wild winter, manager Tom Lasorda returns for his 16th year at the helm of the Los Angeles Dodgers, but the team may be headed in a new direction.

Lasorda turns 65 in September. This is the final year of a three-year contract. His dugout lieutenant for the last five years, Bill Russell, has agreed to manage the Dodgers' triple-A affiliate at Albuquerque. Some view it as a stepping-stone assignment for 1993, particularly since the Dodgers seem committed to begin using the best of what may be a rebounding farm system, exemplified in 1992 by Eric Karros, Jose Offerman and Dave Hansen.

Russell and club management insist there are no promises or guarantees in place. The veteran-oriented Lasorda claims he has not decided whether he wants to continue managing, but he called 1991 one of his most trying and difficult seasons.

Lasorda's son, Tom Jr., died of pneumonia in midsummer, and the Dodgers blew a lead of 9½ games over Atlanta at the All-Star break, ultimately finishing one game behind the Braves in the National League West race. Lasorda, blessed with a homegrown nucleus during many of his early years, attempted in vain to bring a family atmosphere to a lineup of mercenaries.

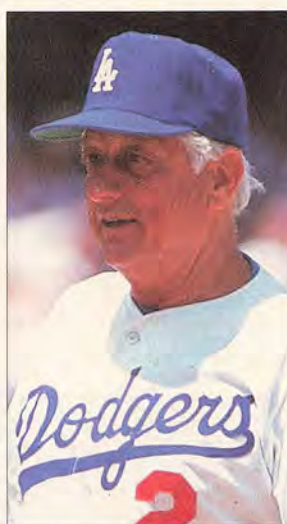
Those who chronicled the Dodgers' demise felt it appropriate that on the final Saturday of the final weekend of the 1991 season, when Los Angeles lost to the San Francisco Giants and was eliminated from the division race, all nine starters came from other organizations. Catcher Mike Scioscia, among position players, was generally the only product of a beleaguered farm system to start on a regular basis.

Lasorda, voicing the company line, insists that he couldn't ask for better effort, but he also is quick to add that it was the same as managing a group of "adopted sons."

"Back in the early '70s, we had a bunch of guys playing for me who came up with me through the minors," Lasorda says. "They did everything together. They were my guys."

Times change. A once-proud farm system collapses in an era when it is impossible to build a team through only one avenue. The Dodgers are forced to play the free agent game, to trade heavily. There is more at risk than the product on the field.

"We were a team, but we were not a family... and the Atlanta Braves were both," center fielder Brett Butler said shortly after the final out



Tommy Lasorda

of the final game. "We came to the park, we worked and then we went our separate ways. We were too many individuals and not enough of a group."

Said Strawberry: "This was a team where after a good play, half the guys would shake your hand and the other half... I don't know what they would be doing. There were not enough guys with enough fire, and that's what it takes to win."

Strawberry came from the Mets as a \$20.25 million free agent, returning to his hometown in November following the 1990 season. He recovered from an abysmal first half to lead the Dodgers with 28 home runs

and 99 RBI. Both totals were close to his career averages of 31.1 home runs and 92.4 RBI. Butler also was signed as a free agent in December of 1990. He led the team with a .296 average, scored a league-leading 112 runs and did not make an error in center field.

They were among the few players who lingered in the clubhouse after games.

"In my whole career, I have never seen guys clear out like that," said Butler, who has been in the majors since 1981. "I can understand it happening at home, where guys have their families, but on the road? With other teams I've been with, after the game you sit around, you talk about the game, you enjoy each other and the team. But not this team."

Strawberry agreed. "The attitude was like, 'Well, OK, tomorrow is another day. We'll just come back and get 'em tomorrow.' And then they were gone," Strawberry said. "It was bad, real bad. It was like guys were saying, 'If I do, I do, and if I don't, I don't.' We need to bring more excitement to the fans."

Executive vice president Fred Claire, fending off player opinion and criticism throughout the winter, said he viewed the Butler and Strawberry remarks as an "emotional reaction" to losing the division race.

Claire said it was "unfortunate" for the club in that it wasn't reflective of how the team had done. Dissension? Claire said he didn't buy it.

"You don't win as many games as we won or battle for a division title until the last day of the season without a desire to win," Claire said. "There are a lot of good teams out there, and you can't get to that point without a lot of positive things happening."

"I was disappointed by what Brett and Darryl said, but it didn't affect my judgment as to what I felt I had to do, what I felt was best for the club."

—Ross Newhan

man's make-or-break shot at shortstop comes without the shadow of Griffin, who was allowed to leave as a free agent. The door was opened for Karros at first base when Los Angeles held the line on a one-year offer to free agent Murray, who signed a two-year, \$7.5 million contract with the New York Mets. Los Angeles then traded Gwynn to Kansas City for Benzinger (.294 in 78 games for the Royals and .187 in 51 games for Cincinnati), who will provide insurance behind Karros.

Three unproven farm products—Karros, Offerman and Hansen (.268 in 53 games)—may start in the infield. Karros batted .316 with 22 home runs and 101 RBI with Albuquerque, while Offerman hit .298 and Hansen .303.

Second baseman Juan Samuel (.271-12-58), a free agent, eventually accepted arbitration. It had been thought that Samuel would be leaving, and the Dodgers had discussed moving Lenny Harris (.287) and Mike Sharperson (.278), the third base platoon of last year, to second base.

OUTFIELD

Davis gives the Dodgers—potentially, at least—improved speed and outfield defense. The left-to-right combination of Davis, Butler and Strawberry could be baseball's best, providing Davis retains his health. He played in only 89 games with the Reds last year, batting .235 with 11 homers and 33 RBI.

Stripped of superstar status by the frequent injuries he suffered on the synthetic surface of Riverfront Stadium, Davis, a graduate of Fremont High in Los Angeles, called the trade a dream come true.

Davis is 29, in his prime. If he didn't leave his legs at Riverfront, he should be invigorated by the grass of Dodger Stadium, the weather of Southern California, the reduced demands of left field compared to center and, of course, the homecoming and reunion with Strawberry, a boyhood pal.

Davis never played more than 135 games in his six full seasons with the Reds, but the Dodgers checked out the medical reports and concluded he was fine. Says Butler: "I think Eric wants to prove a point. Everybody wants to see if he can play a full year. That is the question. If he plays, he helps the club. He definitely makes it easier for me."

In his first season with Los Angeles, Strawberry hit .265 with 28 home runs and 99 RBI, while Butler batted .296 and had 38 stolen bases.

BENCH

The loss of Gwynn will be significant. He delivered 13 hits and drove in 13 runs as a pinch hitter, but Benzinger should pick up some of that. The composition of the Dodger bench depends on how often Karros, Hansen, Offerman and Hernandez are in the lineup, but among those certain to play a utility role are Stan Javier (.205) and the Harris-Sharperson platoon. ■

DODGERS LEADERS '91

Avg. Butler .296	HR Strawberry 28	RBI Strawberry 99	SB Butler 38
ERA Belcher 2.62	Wins Martinez 17	K's Belcher 156	Saves Howell 16

PITCHERS

No.	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1991 Club	G	IP	W-L	Sv	ERA
56 Astacio, Pedro	R-R	6-2	174	11-28-69	San Antonio AA	19	113.0	4-1	0	4.78
					Vero Beach A	9	59.1	5-3	0	1.67
54 Candelaria, John	R-L	6-6	225	11-6-53	Los Angeles	59	33.2	1-1	2	3.74
49 Candiotti, Tom	R-R	6-2	200	8-31-57	Toronto	19	129.2	6-7	0	2.98
					Cleveland	15	108.1	7-6	0	2.24
52 Crews, Tim	R-R	6-0	195	4-3-61	Los Angeles	60	76.0	2-3	6	3.43
35 Gott, Jim	R-R	6-4	220	8-3-59	Los Angeles	55	76.0	4-3	2	2.96
46 Gross, Kevin	R-R	6-5	215	6-8-61	Los Angeles	46	115.2	10-11	3	3.58
57 Gross, Kip	R-R	6-2	190	8-24-64	Cincinnati	29	85.2	6-4	0	3.47
					Nashville AAA	14	47.2	5-3	0	2.08
55 Hershiser, Orel	R-R	6-3	192	9-16-58	Los Angeles	21	112.0	7-2	0	3.46
50 Howell, Jay	R-R	6-3	212	11-26-55	Los Angeles	44	51.0	6-5	16	3.18
59 James, Mike	R-R	6-3	180	8-15-67	Albuquerque AAA	13	45.0	1-3	0	6.60
					San Antonio AA	15	89.1	9-5	0	4.53
45 Martinez, Pedro	R-R	5-11	150	7-25-71	Albuquerque AAA	6	39.1	3-3	0	3.66
					San Antonio AA	12	76.2	7-5	0	1.76
					Bakersfield A	10	61.1	8-0	0	2.05
48 Martinez, Ramon	R-R	6-4	173	4-22-68	Los Angeles	33	220.1	17-13	0	3.27
51 McAndrew, Jamie	R-R	6-2	190	9-2-67	Albuquerque AAA	28	155.1	12-10	1	5.04
31 McDowell, Roger	R-R	6-1	182	12-21-60	Los Angeles	33	42.1	6-3	7	2.55
					Philadelphia	38	59.0	3-6	3	3.20
17 Ojeda, Bob	L-L	6-1	195	12-17-57	Los Angeles	31	189.1	12-9	0	3.18
40 Seanez, Rudy	R-R	5-10	185	10-20-68	Cleveland	5	5.0	0-0	0	16.20
					Colo. Spr. AAA	16	17.1	0-0	0	7.27
					Canton-Akron AA	25	38.1	4-2	7	2.58
38 Wilson, Steve	L-L	6-4	195	12-13-64	Los Angeles	11	8.1	0-0	2	0.00
					Chicago	8	12.1	0-0	0	4.38
					Iowa AAA	25	114.0	3-8	0	3.87

CATCHERS

	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1991 Club	G	AB	Avg.	HR	RBI	SB
61 Baar, Bryan	R-R	6-3	205	4-10-68	San Antonio AA	101	348	.224	10	51	3
41 Hernandez, Carlos	R-R	5-11	185	5-24-67	Los Angeles	15	14	.214	0	1	1
					Albuquerque AAA	95	345	.345	8	44	51
60 Piazza, Mike	R-R	6-3	200	9-4-68	Bakersfield A	117	448	.277	29	80	0
14 Sciocchia, Mike	L-R	6-2	220	11-27-58	Los Angeles	119	345	.264	8	40	4

INFIELDERS

	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1991 Club	G	AB	Avg.	HR	RBI	SB
36 Benzinger, Todd	S-R	6-1	190	2-11-63	Kansas City	78	293	.294	2	40	2
					Cincinnati	51	123	.187	1	11	2
3 Hamilton, Jeff	R-R	6-3	207	3-19-64	Los Angeles	41	94	.223	1	14	0
					Albuquerque AAA	2	7	.000	0	0	0
15 Hansen, Dave	L-R	6-0	180	11-24-68	Los Angeles	53	56	.268	1	5	1
					Albuquerque AAA	68	254	.303	5	40	4
29 Harris, Lenny	L-R	5-10	205	10-28-64	Los Angeles	145	429	.287	3	38	12
23 Karros, Eric	R-R	6-4	205	11-4-67	Los Angeles	14	14	.071	0	1	0
					Albuquerque AAA	132	488	.316	22	101	3
30 Offerman, Jose	S-R	6-0	160	11-8-68	Los Angeles	52	113	.195	0	3	3
					Albuquerque AAA	79	289	.298	0	29	32
10 Samuel, Juan	R-R	5-11	183	12-9-60	Los Angeles	153	594	.271	12	58	23
27 Sharperson, Mike	R-R	6-3	190	10-4-61	Los Angeles	105	216	.278	2	20	1
21 Smith, Greg	S-R	5-11	170	4-5-67	Los Angeles	5	3	.000	0	0	0
					Albuquerque AAA	48	161	.217	0	17	11
62 Young, Eric	R-R	5-9	180	11-26-66	Albuquerque AAA	1	5	.400	0	0	0
					San Antonio AA	127	461	.280	3	35	71

OUTFIELDERS

	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1991 Club	G	AB	Avg.	HR	RBI	SB
63 Ashley, Billy	R-R	6-7	220	7-11-70	Vero Beach A	61	206	.252	7	42	9
22 Butler, Brett	L-L	5-10	160	6-15-57	Los Angeles	161	615	.296	2	38	38
28 Daniels, Kal	L-R	5-11	205	8-20-63	Los Angeles	137	461	.249	17	73	6
33 Davis, Eric	R-R	6-3	185	5-29-62	Cincinnati	89	285	.235	11	33	14
47 Goodwin, Tom	L-R	6-1	165	7-27-68	Los Angeles	16	7	.143	0	0	1
					Albuquerque AAA	132	509	.273	1	45	48
5 Javier, Stan	S-R	6-0	185	1-9-64	Los Angeles	121	176	.205	1	11	7
43 Mondesi, Raul	R-R	5-11	150	3-12-71	Albuquerque AAA	2	9	.333	0	0	1
					San Antonio AA	53	213	.272	5	26	7
					Bakersfield A	28	106	.283	3	13	9
26 Rodriguez, Henry	L-L	6-1	180	11-8-67	Albuquerque AAA	121	446	.271	10	67	4
44 Strawberry, Darryl	L-L	6-6	200	3-12-62	Los Angeles	139	505	.265	28	99	10

Manager: Tom Lasorda

Coaches: Joe Amalfitano, Mark Cresse, Joe Ferguson, Ben Hines, Manny Mota, Ron Perranoski

By BARRY BLOOM
San Diego Tribune

For Joe McIlvaine, 1991 was a season of evaluation from the instructional league level to the major leagues. In his first year as San Diego's general manager, McIlvaine had questions to answer, among others: Was Shawn Abner a regular center fielder? Could Greg Harris star in the starting rotation? Was Jerald Clark the real goods as a power hitter?

The answers: no, yes and no.

McIlvaine ran a club-record 48 players through San Diego Jack Murphy Stadium. But that was then and this is now. He promises that Phase I of his personal rebuilding process is over. He is pleased that, despite flux and numerous injuries, the Padres finished at 84-78, ty-

ing the 1978 team for the third-best record in their 23-year history.

Phase II is for the Padres to contend this season in the National League West. They will go at it again under manager Greg Riddoch, who weathered a season of scrutiny under McIlvaine's microscope. Despite the loss of 11 players to the disabled list, four of them at least twice, Riddoch finished with a 122-122 record to show for his tumultuous year and a half at the helm.

Riddoch survived the verbal assaults of departing veterans Jack Clark, Roberto Alomar, Joe Carter and Garry Templeton. Riddoch also survived the loss of Tony Gwynn, following arthroscopic knee surgery, for the season's last four weeks. A depleted lineup concluded the

season with a 21-11 mark in its final 32 games, matching the Los Angeles Dodgers' effort for the same span, while Atlanta went 22-11 and won the division.

The secret now is to make the right subtle changes while not disturbing team chemistry. Again, McIlvaine is at center stage.

STARTING PITCHING

Decimated by injuries, no less than four of the five regular starters missed some action. Dennis Rasmussen (6-13, 3.74), who filed for free agency after the season, came down with a sore left shoulder during spring training and missed most of the first two months of the season. At one point, he lost nine straight starts.



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By the end of April, Harris (9-5, 2.23), making the jump from the bullpen to the rotation, developed tendinitis in his right elbow. He did not return until just before the All-Star break. For a healthy Harris, the transition from the pen seemed to be complete when he won five of his final six decisions.

Veteran Ed Whitson (4-6, 5.03), grappling with elbow problems during the first half, underwent arthroscopic surgery on July 15 to remove a bone spur from his right elbow and pitched only one-third of an inning afterward.

Even Bruce Hurst, the anchor of the staff during the season's first four months (14-5 on Aug. 7), missed his final three starts because of inflammation in the ligaments around his left elbow and finished 15-8, 3.29.

Only Andy Benes (15-11, 3.03) made every scheduled start. During the second half, he developed into the pitcher the Padres projected he would be when they picked him No. 1 in the nation out of the University of Evansville in the 1988 June draft. Benes wound up 11-1 in his last 15 starts with a 1.77 ERA.

After Benes, Harris and Hurst, the rotation grows thin. Whitson's comeback at 36 is a key to the team's success.

San Diego hopes to fill the No. 5 slot with Ricky Bones (4-6, 4.83), Jose Melendez (8-5, 3.27) or Adam Peterson (3-4, 4.45).

RELIEF PITCHING

The Padres got the closer they wanted when they acquired left-hander Randy Myers from Cincinnati in exchange for infielder-outfielder Bip Roberts. Myers (6-13, 3.55) was used as both a starter and reliever by the Reds in '91. He had relieved entirely before that. 1990 was his best season: 31 saves, 2.08 ERA, 98 strikeouts in 86⅓ innings.

Craig Lefferts and Larry Andersen, the combo that was supposed to anchor the pen, suffered through disappointing seasons. Lefferts (1-6, 3.91) tied his career high with 23 saves.

Riddoch would like to use Lefferts (66 saves in three seasons) as a setup man and part-time closer. The left-hander is in the final year of a three-year, \$5.25 million contract.

Andersen (3-4, 2.30), whose two-year contract, which he signed in 1990, calls for a guaranteed \$4.25 million, was limited to 38 games by chronic disc problems in the base of his neck.

Middle relief was strong with left-hander Rich Rodriguez (3-1, 3.26) and right-hander Mike Maddux, a spring training minor league walk-on. Melendez worked well in a spot-start, long-relief role.

At the top of McIlvaine's wish list is a big-name closer. Jeremy Hernandez, a 25-year-old rookie right-hander, will earn a long look. Hernandez didn't allow an earned run in 14⅓ innings with the Padres in '91.

CATCHING

As long as Benito Santiago (.267-17-87) is around, the Padres have few worries in this department. Santiago was voted a starter on the NL All-Star team for the third straight year.

His 87 RBI were a career high, and his 17 home runs were one fewer than his career-best. Although Santiago caught 148 games, he was at his strongest in the last two months. He batted .331 with 36 RBI in his final 40 games.

Behind Santiago, backup catchers at various times were Tom Lampkin, Brian Dorsett and Dann Bilardello. Lampkin and Bilardello com-

Probable Opening Day Lineup

Tony Fernandez	SS
Tim Teufel	3B
Tony Gwynn	RF
Fred McGriff	1B
Benito Santiago	C
Jerald Clark	LF
Darrin Jackson	CF
Craig Shipley	2B
Andy Benes	P

binated to start the 14 games Santiago missed but contributed little offensively.

INFIELD

The additions of first baseman Fred McGriff and shortstop Tony Fernandez, replacing Jack Clark and Templeton, made a big difference in the defensive play of the infield last season. The newcomers were one good reason San Diego went from 141 errors in 1990 to a franchise-low 113 errors and franchise-best .982 fielding percentage.

McGriff (.278-31-106) lived up to his billing. He amassed over 100 RBI for the first time in his career and became the first Padre to hit more than 30 homers since Dave Winfield with 34 in 1979. Fernandez, playing despite badly strained ligaments in his right thumb, committed a career-high 20 errors but still anchored the in-



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field. Fernandez blamed the grass texture of the San Diego infield for his defensive problems. He underwent surgery on his thumb shortly after the season ended. McIlvaine has promised to resod the infield.

In the absence of Alomar, a two-time All-Star, Riddoch was forced to try six players at second base, with the injury-prone Roberts leading the pack.

San Diego re-signed free agent infielder Tim Teufel, who agreed to a two-year contract worth \$1.45 million. Teufel (.217-12-44) played 66 games at second base and 53 at third base in 1991. He played better at second base but may be at third with Paul Faries or Craig Shipley at second. Faries (.177 in 130 at-bats) played 36 games at second base, and Shipley (.275 in 91 at-bats) appeared in 14 games at second.

Incidentally, seven players tried their luck at third base in 1991. Scott Coolbaugh (.217), who received a long look early in the season, was shipped back to Class AAA Las Vegas when his bat cooled.

OUTFIELD

Jerald Clark (.228-10-47) opened on a tear in left field, going 11 for 21 in his first six games. However, he suffered an injury to his left Achilles tendon when he slipped on damp turf at New York's Shea Stadium on April 30. Clark hit nine homers in his first 64 games and just one in his last 54.

Left field has been wide open since Carter was traded to Toronto in December 1990. Clark, Thomas Howard, Oscar Azocar (.246) and Kevin Ward (.243) go to camp as likely candidates. Howard (.249-4-22) played all three outfield positions, mostly in center field.

Darrin Jackson (.262) surprised by pounding 21 home runs in 359 at-bats and insists he will hit 30 to 35 if given more than 500 at-bats. He started 71 games in center field.

Gwynn (.317-4-62) is the incumbent right fielder, but he is coming off the second straight campaign recuperating from a season-ending injury. In 1990, he broke a finger on an outfield wall and missed the final 19 games. In 1991, arthroscopic surgery to repair cartilage in Gwynn's left knee benched him for the last four weeks and cost him a shot at his fifth batting title. A .361 hitter at the All-Star break, he tailed off severely and batted just .243 with 14 RBI the rest of the way.

BENCH

By refusing to re-sign veteran left-handed hitter Fred Lynn after the 1990 season, the Padres let their best pinch hitter get away. Without him, pinch-hitting numbers were abysmal: a .180 batting average, four home runs and 29 RBI.

The best of the bunch was Azocar, who was called up Aug. 9 and led the club with six pinch-hits and five RBI. But Azocar, a left-handed hitter who puts the ball in play, hardly made anyone forget Lynn. ■

PADRES LEADERS '91

Avg. Gwynn .317	HR McGriff 31	RBI McGriff 106	SB Roberts 26
ERA Harris 2.23	Wins Benes, 15 Hurst	K's Benes 167	Saves Lefferts 23

PITCHERS

No.	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1991 Club	G	IP	W-L	Sv	ERA
27 Andersen, Larry	R-R	6-3	205	5-6-53	San Diego	38	47.0	3-4	13	2.30
40 Benes, Andy	R-R	6-6	240	8-20-67	San Diego	33	223.0	15-11	0	3.03
56 Bones, Ricky	R-R	6-0	190	4-7-69	San Diego	11	54.0	4-6	0	4.83
					Las Vegas AAA	23	136.1	8-6	0	4.22
49 Brocail, Doug	L-R	6-5	220	5-16-67	Wichita AA	34	146.1	10-7	6	3.87
46 Harris, Greg	R-R	6-2	195	12-1-63	San Diego	20	133.0	9-5	0	2.23
					Las Vegas AAA	4	20.2	1-2	0	7.40
50 Hernandez, Jeremy	R-R	6-6	205	7-6-66	San Diego	9	14.1	0-0	2	0.00
					Las Vegas AAA	56	68.1	4-8	13	4.74
47 Hurst, Bruce	L-L	6-3	220	3-24-58	San Diego	31	221.2	15-8	0	3.29
11 Lefferts, Craig	L-L	6-1	210	9-29-57	San Diego	54	69.0	1-6	23	3.91
39 Lewis, Jim	R-R	6-2	215	7-20-64	San Diego	12	13.0	0-0	0	4.15
					Las Vegas AAA	48	85.1	6-3	3	3.38
37 Linskey, Mike	L-L	6-5	220	6-18-66	Wichita AA	2	2.2	0-0	1	0.00
					Rochester AAA	10	41.0	1-5	0	7.24
					Hagerstown AA	16	107.0	6-5	0	4.46
51 Maddux, Mike	L-R	6-2	190	8-27-61	San Diego	64	98.2	7-2	5	2.46
48 Melendez, Jose	R-R	6-2	175	9-2-65	San Diego	31	93.2	8-5	3	3.27
					Las Vegas AAA	9	58.2	7-0	0	3.99
28 Myers, Randy	L-L	6-1	225	9-19-62	Cincinnati	58	132.0	6-13	6	3.55
32 Peterson, Adam	R-R	6-3	190	12-11-65	San Diego	13	54.2	3-4	0	4.45
					Las Vegas AAA	8	42.0	2-2	0	4.50
42 Rodriguez, Rich	R-L	6-0	200	3-1-63	San Diego	64	80.0	3-1	0	3.26
44 Seminara, Frank	R-R	6-2	205	5-16-67	Wichita AA	27	176.0	15-10	0	3.38
35 Valdez, Rafael	R-R	5-11	185	12-17-68	Las Vegas AAA	5	16.2	0-2	0	5.94
31 Whitson, Ed	R-R	6-3	200	5-19-55	San Diego	13	78.2	4-6	0	5.03

CATCHERS

	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1991 Club	G	AB	Avg.	HR	RBI	SB
7 Bilardello, Dann	R-R	6-0	190	5-26-59	San Diego	15	26	.269	0	5	0
					Las Vegas AAA	44	140	.314	4	29	2
25 Lampkin, Tom	L-R	5-11	185	3-4-64	San Diego	38	58	.190	0	3	0
					Las Vegas AAA	45	164	.317	2	29	2
09 Santiago, Benito	R-R	6-1	185	3-9-65	San Diego	152	580	.267	17	87	8

INFIELDERS

	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1991 Club	G	AB	Avg.	HR	RBI	SB
23 Faries, Paul	R-R	5-10	170	2-20-65	San Diego	57	130	.177	0	7	3
					Las Vegas AAA	20	75	.307	1	12	7
					High Desert A	10	42	.310	0	5	1
1 Fernandez, Tony	S-R	6-2	175	6-30-62	San Diego	145	558	.272	4	38	23
41 Gardner, Jeff	L-R	5-11	165	2-4-64	New York	13	37	.162	0	1	0
					Tidewater AAA	136	504	.292	12	62	0
53 Holbert, Ray	R-R	6-0	170	9-25-70	High Desert A	122	386	.264	4	51	19
14 Lopez, Luis	S-R	5-11	175	9-4-70	Wichita AA	125	452	.268	1	41	6
29 McGriff, Fred	L-L	6-3	210	10-31-63	San Diego	153	528	.278	31	106	4
Redington, Tom	R-R	6-1	200	2-13-69	Wichita AA	116	394	.284	5	57	2
18 Shipley, Craig	R-R	6-1	185	1-7-63	San Diego	37	91	.275	1	6	0
					Las Vegas AAA	65	230	.300	5	34	2
28 Staton, Dave	R-R	6-5	215	4-12-68	Las Vegas AAA	107	375	.267	22	74	1
20 Teufel, Tim	R-R	6-0	175	7-7-58	San Diego	97	307	.228	11	42	8
					New York	20	34	.118	1	2	1
8 Valentin, Jose	S-R	5-10	175	10-12-69	Wichita AA	129	447	.251	17	68	8
15 Velasquez, Guillermo	L-R	6-3	220	4-23-68	Wichita AA	130	501	.295	21	100	4

OUTFIELDERS

	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1991 Club	G	AB	Avg.	HR	RBI	SB
22 Azocar, Oscar	L-L	6-1	195	2-21-65	San Diego	38	57	.246	0	9	2
					Las Vegas AAA	107	361	.296	7	50	4
24 Clark, Jerald	R-R	6-4	205	8-10-63	San Diego	118	369	.228	10	47	2
19 Gwynn, Tony	L-L	5-11	215	5-9-60	San Diego	134	530	.317	4	62	8
33 Howard, Thomas	S-R	6-2	205	12-11-64	San Diego	106	281	.249	4	22	10
					Las Vegas AAA	25	94	.309	2	16	11
4 Jackson, Darrin	R-R	6-0	185	8-22-63	San Diego	122	359	.262	21	49	5
57 Taylor, Will	R-R	6-2	170	8-19-68	Las Vegas AAA	125	468	.259	4	33	62
2 Vatcher, Jim	R-R	5-9	175	5-27-66	San Diego	17	20	.200	0	2	1
					Las Vegas AAA	117	395	.266	17	67	4

Manager: Greg Riddoch

Coaches: Bruce Kimm, Rob Picciolo, Merv Rettenmund, Mike Roarke, Jim Snyder

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS



By RAY RATTO
San Francisco Examiner

Normally, Al Rosen misses one, maybe two road trips in an entire baseball season. In 1991, though, the general manager of the San Francisco Giants missed probably half of his team's tours. It was too painful for him to watch a club that was all but knocked out of the National League West race by June 1.

In their final series, the Giants were responsible for the elimination of the Los Angeles Dodgers, but even that didn't cheer Rosen. His annual World Series prediction, delivered in a laryngitic voice before the season began, never had been less accurate. His San Francisco teams never had lost more games than they had won. Rosen's expertise as a builder of champions never had been questioned so spiritedly.

By October, when the pennant-winning Atlanta Braves, of all teams, had become the model to which NL clubs would be compared, the Giants came up short. Not enough pitching phenoms, not enough speed, not enough youthful exuberance. Rosen had never had to look up at the Braves before, and his neck hurt.

Looking ahead, Rosen declared himself out of the free agent market (either that, or owner Bob Lurie declared him out) because of a \$32 million payroll (\$30,889,000 in 1991). Trade possibilities were reduced essentially to Kevin Mitchell, and Rosen made the most of the opportunity. He dealt the home run-hitting outfielder (143 in five years with San Francisco) to Seattle for what the Giants needed most: pitching.

STARTING PITCHING

When the Giants won the division title in 1989, they boasted a 17-game winner on staff. That was Rick Reuschel. Last June he finally was declared too old to keep around and dismissed. To find a 17-game winner in the 1992 rotation may be more than even a Pollyanna could manage.

Still, perhaps there is a potentially big winner: As last season ended, the staff ace was left-hander Trevor Wilson (13-11, 3.56), who went 13-8 after being sprung from the bullpen into the rotation in mid-May. He became the first Giant left-hander to win that many games since

Probable Opening Day Lineup

Darren Lewis	CF
Willie McGee	LF
Will Clark	1B
Matt Williams	3B
Kevin Bass	RF
Robby Thompson	2B
Steve Decker	C
Jose Uribe	SS
Trevor Wilson	P



WILL CLARK

Vida Blue's 14 in 1980. It was Wilson who shut out the Dodgers on two hits on the next-to-last day of the 1991 season and may have prevented a playoff for the title in the NL West.

Right-hander John Burkett (12-11, 4.18), left-hander Bud Black (12-16, 3.99) and left-hander Bryan Hickerson (2-2, 3.60) are likely choices to fill out the rotation. As a 1990 rookie, Burkett led the Giants in wins (14), strikeouts (118) and innings pitched (204).

Kelly Downs (10-4, 4.19), used mostly as a reliever, has an outside shot. Scott Garrelts, who pitched only 19⅓ innings last season, probably won't be available until the All-Star break as a torn elbow tendon heals.

New pitching coach Carlos Alfonso, San Francisco's former minor league director, doesn't have the most enviable job in baseball. His assignment: improve a staff that was tied with the Chicago Cubs as the worst in the NL

with an ERA of 4.03. Among other things, Alfonso has to worry about who will come forward to join a rotation that starts with Wilson, Burkett and Black.

RELIEF PITCHING

Dave Righetti (2-7, 3.39), the high-priced veteran left-hander from the New York Yankees, ended up with 24 saves, the second-best total in Giant history. But 24 is pretty small spuds nowadays. He blew only five of 29 save opportunities.

Righetti, 33, may become the second pitcher in franchise history to save 30 games. He is not, however, the dominating presence he was in New York. In 10 seasons with the Yankees, Righetti saved 224 games.

Righetti was a starter in his first three seasons as a Yankee and pitched a no-hitter in 1983. At the winter meetings, San Francisco manager Roger Craig said consideration is being given to making Righetti a starter.

In the trade of the slugging Mitchell

Don't Forget to Write

The 1992 San Francisco Giants will have only a fleeting link to the National League pennant-winning club of 1989.

Six players who finished that season will start the 1992 campaign, and that assumes that Jose Uribe and Kelly Downs won't be moved to other locations before Opening Day.

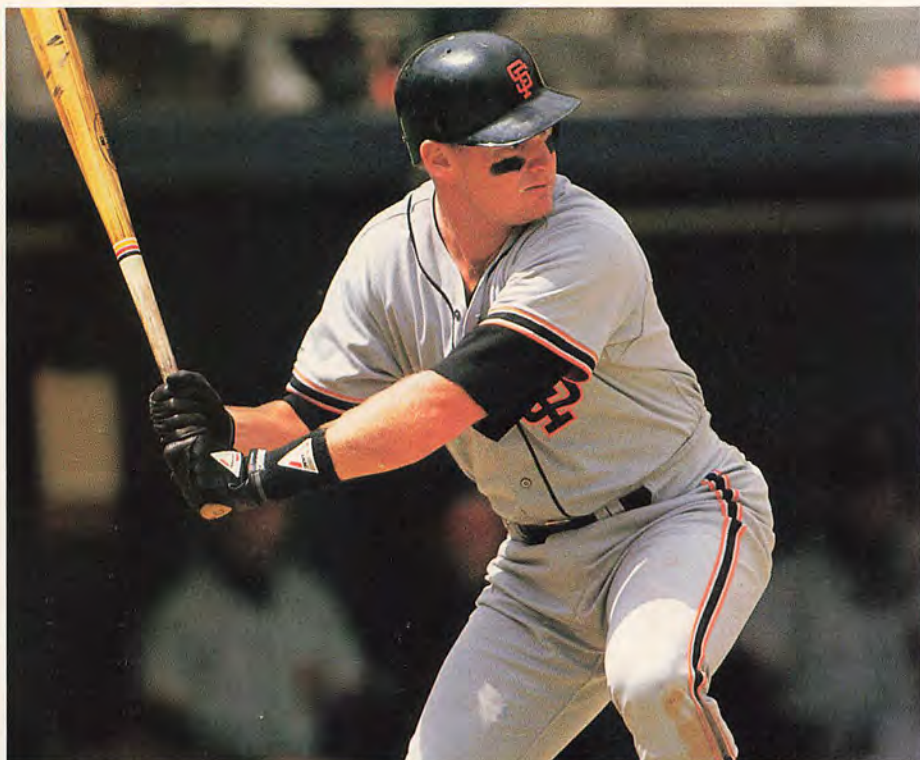


Williams, Thompson and Clark

Pitcher Rick Reuschel, ace of the 1989 staff, and workaday swing man Mike LaCoss were released in midseason of 1991 and Don Robinson after the season ended. Steve Bedrosian was traded to Minnesota. Scott Garrelts will begin the 1992 season on the disabled list after elbow surgery. Atlee Hammaker was released. Craig Lefferts signed with San Diego before the 1990 season. Brett Butler went to Los Angeles as a free agent. Terry Kennedy was released after the 1991 season. Candy Maldonado went to Cleveland, then Toronto. Donell Nixon was released. Ken Oberkfell went to Houston. Ernest Riles was traded to Oakland. Pat Sheridan went to the Yankees. Chris Speier retired, and at the December winter meetings, Kevin Mitchell was traded to Seattle.

The returning six are Will Clark, Robby Thompson, Matt Williams, Jeff Brantley, Uribe and Downs.

—Ray Ratto



MATT WILLIAMS

(.256-27-69) to Seattle at the winter meetings, the Giants received another reliever who has had considerable experience as a starter in Bill Swift. Besides Swift (1-2, 1.99, 17 saves), San Francisco obtained two other relievers, Mike Jackson (7-7, 3.25, 14 saves) and Dave Burba (2-2, 3.68), while giving up starter Mike Remlinger (2-1, 4.37).

Swift, a 30-year-old right-hander, was Seattle's Pitcher of the Year in 1991. He had a streak of 17 consecutive shutout innings as a closer. Swift stood fourth in the American League in appearances with 71.

1991 was the first year Swift was used entirely in relief—as a long reliever, setup man and closer. The Giants may have spot starting in mind for him. Swift started 86 games for the Mariners in five previous seasons.

Jackson, also a right-hander, posted 13 of his saves before the All-Star break. Burba was a rookie in '91.

Veteran Giant closer Jeff Brantley (5-2, 2.45) contributed 15 saves. The question of the right-handers' durability was answered by a career-high 67 appearances. Francisco Oliveras (6-6, 3.86) was competent.

Part-timers Rod Beck, Jose Segura and Downs (perhaps) are incumbents of an unsettled bullpen.

CATCHING

Steve Decker batted only .206 in 79 games with 233 at-bats and was sent down to AAA after nine torturous weeks. His arm is decent enough

but his confidence took a merciless pounding.

In Decker's place, the previously buried Kirt Manwaring (.225) was resuscitated. While he is the better glove man, he has little power and is infrequently used.

San Francisco made a significant move in the off-season when it hired Bob Brenly, former Giants catcher, as first base and bench coach. Brenly retired as a player in 1989. He was a radio broadcaster for the Chicago Cubs last season.



ROBBY THOMPSON

One of Brenly's primary responsibilities will be to develop the talent of Decker, apparently the Giants' catcher of the future. In '91, Decker was the first Giant rookie to begin his career as starting catcher since Tom Haller in 1961.

Decker predicts he'll start again, declaring he's not a backup catcher, but he'll have to hit because Rosen has let it be known he expects more offense at the position.

INFIELD

This is an area where San Francisco *does* excel, especially on offense. The combination of first baseman Will Clark (.301-29-116), second baseman Robby Thompson (.262-19-48), shortstop Jose Uribe (.221-1-12) and third baseman Matt Williams (.268-34-98) posted impressive collective numbers even with Uribe's minimal output.

Clark topped .300 in batting for the third time in six years as a Giant. He missed the NL RBI title, won by Howard Johnson of the New York Mets, by one, ranked sixth in home runs and tied for sixth in hits with 170. Moreover, he was awarded a Gold Glove.

Thompson survived an abortive attempt to make him a leadoff hitter and put together another solid season at the plate and in the field.

Although Williams' home runs and RBI ranked second (to Johnson's 38) and 10th respectively, he experienced what was basically an up-and-down season.

The one problem is at shortstop, where Uribe played 90 games because nobody could take the job from him. Mike Benjamin gave it a whirl, but a .123 average in 106 at-bats showed he wasn't ready. Royce Clayton, who is regarded as the NL's leading Rookie of the Year candidate, was called up late last season but hit only .115 in 26 at-bats.

OUTFIELD

Willie McGee (.312-4-43) split time between center and right field, but he may be in left field on Opening Day. He missed 31 games with chronic leg problems and pulled rib cartilage.

Kevin Bass (.233-10-40) missed a lot of games, too: 38. He probably will open in right field, where he appeared in 72 games last season.

Darren Lewis, Mark Leonard and Ted Wood may be a little green. Lewis (.248 in 72 games) has the most experience and may start in center field. He fielded 1,000 in '91 with 159 putouts and two assists.

BENCH

Most of last year's veteran bench crew (Tom Herr, Mike Kingery, Dave Anderson and Terry Kennedy) have been released, which means that Clayton, Wood and Mike Felder will play major roles. The Giants always have been slow, so Felder in particular, and Clayton if he doesn't win the shortstop job, will be asked to pick up the pace. ■

GIANTS LEADERS '91

Avg.	McGee	.312	HR	Williams	34	RBI	Clark	116	SB	Felder	21
ERA	Brantley	2.45	Wins	Wilson	13	K's	Wilson	139	Saves	Righetti	24

PITCHERS

No.	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1991 Club	G	IP	W-L	Sv	ERA
30	R-R	6-5	220	6-1-67	Phoenix AAA	10	62.1	3-5	0	5.78
					Shreveport AA	13	88.2	9-1	0	2.74
47	R-R	6-1	215	8-3-68	San Francisco	31	52.1	1-1	1	3.78
					Phoenix AAA	23	71.1	4-3	6	2.02
40	L-L	6-2	185	6-30-57	San Francisco	34	214.1	12-16	0	3.99
49	R-R	5-11	190	9-5-63	San Francisco	67	95.1	5-2	15	2.45
34	R-R	6-4	220	7-7-66	Seattle	22	36.2	2-2	1	3.68
					Calgary AAA	23	71.1	6-4	4	3.53
33	R-R	6-2	210	11-28-64	San Francisco	36	206.2	12-11	0	4.18
37	R-R	6-4	205	10-25-60	San Francisco	45	111.2	10-4	0	4.19
50	R-R	6-4	210	10-30-61	San Francisco	8	19.2	1-1	0	6.41
53	L-L	6-0	175	3-29-66	San Francisco	2	3.1	0-0	1	5.40
					Phoenix AAA	40	107.0	7-6	3	6.14
60	L-L	6-3	175	9-12-69	San Jose A	9	53.1	4-3	0	2.03
36	R-R	6-1	190	10-26-65	San Francisco	7	33.0	0-2	0	3.82
					Phoenix AAA	33	140.1	9-11	1	2.82
41	L-L	6-2	195	10-13-63	San Francisco	17	50.0	2-2	0	3.60
					Phoenix AAA	12	21.1	1-1	2	3.80
					Shreveport AA	23	39.0	3-4	2	3.00
42	R-R	6-0	200	12-22-64	Seattle	72	88.2	7-7	14	3.25
21	R-R	6-9	225	8-13-64	Phoenix AAA	8	30.2	1-2	0	6.46
					Indianapolis AAA	27	70.0	4-6	1	6.04
54	R-R	6-1	185	4-28-69	Shreveport AA	62	76.1	6-4	24	2.48
45	R-R	5-10	180	1-31-63	San Francisco	55	79.1	6-6	3	3.86
					Phoenix AAA	3	18.1	2-0	0	2.45
52	L-L	6-2	185	9-7-69	Greensboro A	26	155.0	12-8	0	2.26
19	L-L	6-4	212	11-28-58	San Francisco	61	71.2	2-7	24	3.39
58	S-L	6-1	190	8-20-68	Shreveport AA	22	118.0	4-6	0	3.36
26	R-R	6-0	180	10-27-61	Seattle	71	90.1	1-2	17	1.99
32	L-L	6-0	195	6-7-66	San Francisco	44	202.0	13-11	0	3.56

CATCHERS

	G	AB	Avg.	HR	RBI	SB
35 Decker, Steve	79	233	.206	5	24	0
	31	111	.252	6	14	0
8 Manwaring, Kirt	67	178	.225	0	19	1
	24	81	.222	4	14	0
	1	3	.000	0	0	0

INFELDERS

	G	AB	Avg.	HR	RBI	SB
18 Benjamin, Mike	54	106	.123	2	8	3
	64	226	.204	6	31	3
22 Clark, Will	148	565	.301	29	116	4
10 Clayton, Royce	9	26	.115	0	2	0
	126	485	.280	5	68	36
15 Litton, Greg	59	127	.181	1	15	0
	8	27	.407	4	9	0
57 Patterson, John	117	464	.295	4	56	40
56 Santana, Andres	113	456	.316	1	35	45
6 Thompson, Robby	144	492	.262	19	48	14
23 Uribe, Jose	90	231	.221	1	12	3
	11	41	.341	0	4	0
	3	9	.111	0	1	0
9 Williams, Matt	157	589	.268	34	98	5

OUTFIELDERS

	G	AB	Avg.	HR	RBI	SB
17 Bass, Kevin	124	361	.233	10	40	7
	10	41	.317	2	7	1
	5	19	.105	0	1	2
25 Felder, Mike	132	348	.264	0	18	21
7 Hosey, Steve	126	409	.293	17	74	24
James, Chris	115	437	.238	5	41	3
1 Leonard, Mark	64	129	.240	2	14	0
	41	146	.253	8	25	1
2 Lewis, Darren	72	222	.248	1	15	13
	81	315	.340	2	52	32
51 McGee, Willie	131	497	.312	4	43	17
	4	10	.500	0	1	2
39 Wood, Ted	10	25	.120	0	1	0
	137	512	.311	11	109	12

Manager: Roger Craig

Coaches: Carlos Alfonso, Dusty Baker, Bob Brenly, Wendell Kim, Bob Lillis



By CHRIS HAFT
Houston Post

Competing, not experimenting, will be the Houston Astros' focus in 1992.

After purging the roster of numerous veterans who sustained their success through most of the 1980s, the Astros spent 1991 discovering and developing younger talent. Of the 42 players who wore a Houston uniform, 20 were rookies, 13 of whom made their major league debuts.

The Astros fulfilled predictions by finishing last in the National League West for the first time since 1975. They tied a team record with 97 losses.

Overall, however, the season had more positive than negative aspects. The Astros entered 1991 with only two acceptable everyday starters: catcher Craig Biggio and third baseman Ken Caminiti. They emerged with five more: Rookie of the Year first baseman Jeff Bagwell, second baseman Casey Candaele, shortstop Andujar Cedeno, left fielder Luis Gonzalez and center fielder Steve Finley.

Manager Art Howe will make one significant change this year: Biggio moves to second base. Having proved they not only can crawl but also walk, Howe's babies are now poised to move up in the National League West.

"There will be more emphasis on winning,

simply because we're a year further from ground zero," general manager Bill Wood says. "As time goes by, the emphasis will grow."

Significant flaws remain, however. Those early Las Vegas odds pegging Houston as 100,000-to-1 long shots to win the World Series aren't ridiculously lopsided for nothing.

STARTING PITCHING

Right-handers Brian Williams, Jeff Juden and Chris Gardner (average 1992 Opening Day age: 22) hurled their first major league games last September yet have definite opportunities to join the rotation. Indeed, Juden and Gardner finished '91 in the rotation, and Williams would have if he hadn't injured a toe late in the season.

Keep in mind, though, that Williams began 1991 in Class A, while Juden and Gardner started in AA. Their promise is matched by their lack of polish. Consider that Atlanta's Tom Glavine, the NL's reigning Cy Young Award winner, was 7-17 in his first full big-league campaign, and you get an idea of the struggles that Williams, Juden and Gardner are due to face.

That trio is unlikely to make Houston's front five, though. Space must be reserved for right-handers Darryl Kile (7-11, 3.69) and Ryan Bowen (6-4, 5.15).

Kile, 7-9, 3.07 ERA as a starter, has a fastball-curveball combination that rivals Atlanta starter Steve Avery's. Unlike Avery, Kile had trouble overcoming lapses, such as teammates' misplays and his own leadoff walks, and often allowed them to mushroom into big innings. He needs to relax yet maintain his perfectionist's nature.

Bowen displayed a penchant for erratic control (36 walks and a team-high eight wild pitches in 71½ innings). However, the guessing is that Bowen, like Kile, needs little more than experience to gain consistency. Bowen has good taste in role models: He keeps a picture of Bob Gibson in his locker as homage to the Hall of Famer's intensity.

Probable Opening Day Lineup

Steve Finley	CF
Craig Biggio	2B
Jeff Bagwell	1B
Luis Gonzalez	LF
Eric Anthony	RF
Ken Caminiti	3B
Andujar Cedeno	SS
Eddie Taubensee	C
Pete Harnisch	P

Few are more intense—and unlucky—than right-hander Pete Harnisch, who established himself as the staff's ace with a 12-9 record. The All-Star selection checked in with the NL's lowest opponents' batting average (.212) and finished among the leaders in ERA (2.70), strikeouts (172), complete games (4) and shutouts (2). Nevertheless, the Astros scored only 12 runs in Harnisch's nine defeats and 38 in his 12 no-decisions. He also pitched in six 1-0 games, winning two and losing two.

There's still a chance that Mark Portugal could return to the rotation. The only Astro besides Harnisch to reach double figures in victories, Portugal (10-12, 4.49) made five relief appearances late in the season as Houston continued its search for a closer. His 13.50 ERA out of the bullpen indicated that he might be better off starting. If Portugal is not traded, as has been rumored, the Astros just might agree.

Jimmy Jones (6-8, 4.39), who started 22 games and won four of his first five decisions before slumping, may get a chance to recapture his job.

Since six-year veteran Jim Deshaies (5-12) is certain to depart as a free agent, the Astros will lack a left-hander in the rotation. This imbalance doesn't seem to concern club management, however.

RELIEF PITCHING

The Astros' brass is concerned, however, about the absence of a true closer. Houston was



JEFF BAGWELL

Astros Will Need Trunks, Not Suitcases

If the Astros vote Democratic in this year's presidential election, there'll be a good reason why.

The Republican National Convention is scheduled for the Astrodome Aug. 17-20, but since the GOP needs three weeks beforehand to make sure the facility meets standards for delegates, television networks and security, the Astros are going to be sent packing. For a long time.

The team will embark on a 28-day, 26-game road trip, beginning July 27 with a three-game series in Atlanta. After four games in Cincinnati, Houston will hit all three California cities, a segment that spans nine days.

The Astros then head to the Midwest for four games against Chicago and three at St. Louis. The sojourn concludes with three games in Philadelphia.

JULY						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
26	27 ATL	28 ATL	29 ATL	30	31 CIN	
AUGUST						
						1 CIN
2 CIN	3 CIN	4 LA	5 LA	6 SD	7 SD	8 SD
9 SD	10 SF	11 SF	12 SF	13 CHI	14 CHI	15 CHI
16 CHI	17 STL	18 STL	19 STL	20 PHI	21 PHI	22 PHI
23 PHI						

This prolonged journey has forced quirks upon the rest of the schedule. For example, the Astros begin the season with 15 consecutive home games—which bodes poorly for attendance, since they traditionally do not draw well in April.

In September, they have an inexplicable two-day trip to San Francisco preceded by two home games and followed by six more Astrodome dates. How much sense does that make?

The Major League Players Association asked that same question and decided to file a grievance with arbitrator George Nicolau, asking that the eight-city trip be shortened. Chances are that it won't be, but Houston players could end up receiving additional per diem expense money and extra opportunities for their families to accompany them on the road.

—Chris Haft

comfortable with Dave Smith in the bullpen from 1980-90, but learned in '91 how the other half lives. Relievers lost 34 games, compared with 36 saves, the league's second-lowest total, and 20 blown saves.

Acquiring a closer ranked as one of the Astros' top off-season priorities. Failing that, they are prepared to allow one of their holdovers more chances to become a savior.

That man appeared to be Curt Schilling, who converted five of his first six save opportunities in 1991. Schilling then lost his confidence after a couple of bad outings and was demoted to triple-A Tucson. But he hasn't lost his stuff, and after a strong finish—he yielded no earned runs in 10 of his final 12 outings and had eight saves in all—he may be ready to claim the closer's role.

Another right-hander, Xavier Hernandez, hiked his stock by racking up three saves and two victories in nine September appearances. He also was unscored on in his final four outings, spanning 7½ innings. Hernandez will be allowed to prove that his late surge reflected his skills more than his performance did earlier in the season, when he went 0-6 with a 6.69 ERA and was banished to the minors.

As a closer, Portugal had one save, one blown save and two losses in his five late-season relief attempts.

Whoever begins '92 as Houston's bullpen ace will receive support from left-hander Al Osuna (7-6, 3.42), who put together a strong rookie season.

Left-hander Rob Mallicoat, who appeared in 24 of the Astros' final 47 games, proved that he

has overcome arm problems while reducing Osuna's burden.

CATCHING

This position had belonged to Biggio (.295-.4-.46) almost exclusively since he came to the Astros in 1988.

The switch to second base may appear strange, especially since Biggio became the first catcher in franchise history named to the All-Star team.

Biggio also has above-average speed (65 steals in his first three full seasons), and the Astros are loathe to see him erode that skill by squatting behind the plate.

Biggio's move to second base was finalized with the acquisition of catcher Eddie Taubensee from Cleveland in a trade. Houston obtained Taubensee (.242 in 66 at-bats in 1991) and pitcher Willie Blair in exchange for outfielder Kenny Lofton and infielder Dave Rohde.

Taubensee, a left-handed batter, will platoon with Scott Servais, a right-handed hitter. Servais batted .162 in 16 games with the Astros but impressed observers with his defense and his ability to handle pitchers, a valued commodity, given the anticipated tenderness of the starting staff.

The Astros claimed Eddie Tucker from San Francisco on waivers in late September, arousing the ire of several Giants players and coaches who believed he should not have been removed from the 40-man roster to begin with. Tucker batted .284 with four home runs and 49 RBI for Class AA Shreveport. His .995 fielding percentage led Texas League catchers.

INFIELD

Here's an area mostly devoid of question marks. The biggest exclamation point is Bagwell, first Rookie of the Year in the franchise's 30-year history. The right-handed batter barely missed winning the team's triple crown, hitting .294 while amassing a team-leading 15 homers and 82 RBI.

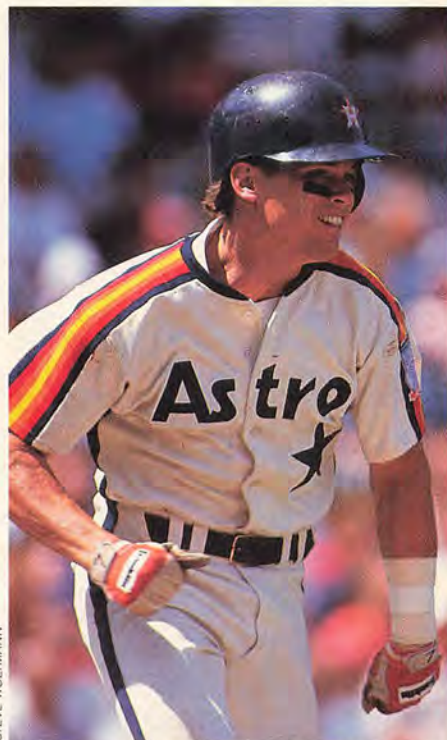
Bagwell was an offensive force despite having to learn a new position. The Astros moved him across the diamond from third base shortly before last spring training ended to get his bat in the lineup.

By the end of the season, Bagwell had established himself as a competent first baseman. However, he excelled at the plate. He pleased those wanting consistency by keeping his average above .277 after June 6.

The Astros won't complain if Biggio's shift to second base doesn't work, because they know they have a solid player in Candaele. After being used in a wide-ranging utility role in 1990, Candaele started 96 games at second base in '91—he logged 119 starts overall—and batted .262 with a career-high 50 RBI.

Shortstop appears to belong to Cedeno, who has been likened to Cincinnati's Barry Larkin. Playing nearly every day after his promotion from Class AAA on July 27, the 22-year-old Cedeno thrilled observers with his hitting and appalled them with his fielding. Prorating his statistics (.243-.9-.36) over a 162-game season, Cedeno would have accumulated 22 homers and 87 RBI—Larkinesque totals, indeed.

Caminiti reached career highs with 13 home runs and 80 RBI. His production nicely com-



CRAIG BIGGIO

plemented his typically excellent defense and silenced, at least temporarily, trade rumors involving him. However, the switch-hitter encountered problems batting left-handed. Caminiti hit .310 right-handed and .213 as a lefty, yielding a .253 mark overall.

OUTFIELD

The Astros got a lot of wrong answers from right field in 1991. Of the seven different players they tried at that position, only Finley displayed competence. And he is supposed to be a center fielder.

If the Astros enter spring training without having acquired a power-hitting right fielder through trade or free agency—the latter is highly unlikely, given owner John McMullen's frugality—they'll probably give Eric Anthony, Mike Simms and Karl Rhodes another crack.

Anthony, the perennial power-hitting prospect, disappointed Houston brass again by batting only .153 with one homer and seven RBI in 39 games. Simms (.203–3–16 in 49 games) and Rhodes (.213–1–12 in 44 games) weren't much better.

By contrast, left and center fields appear set. The former belongs to Luis Gonzalez, who overcame an abysmal start (.123 in his first 57 at-bats) to hit .254 with 13 home runs and 69 RBI as a rookie.

Center field can be handled capably by Finley, who came to Houston along with Harnisch and Schilling in the Glenn Davis trade. Finley helped make that deal a ringing success, leading the team in games played (159) and steals (34) while batting .285. He also had 54 RBI despite leading off in 85 games. He improved markedly against left-handers, hitting .250 against them compared with .193 in 1990.

BENCH

In Howe's utopia, Candaele is on the pine, instead of second base, and available for use in all three outfield positions and at second, third or shortstop. Candaele has proven valuable as a late-inning secret weapon, which partly explains why Houston hopes Biggio will adapt to infield life.

Other utility candidates include Eric Yelding, last year's Opening Day shortstop who suffered a fractured cheekbone and a broken nose when he was hit by a pitch following his demotion to the minors in late July; Gary Cooper, MVP of the AAA All-Star Game who hit .250 in nine late-season games with Houston; and Andy Mota, .189 with Houston and .299 in AAA.

One or two of the runners-up in the right-field derby also figure to be kept as extra men.

For outfield insurance, the Astros still have switch-hitting Gerald Young (.218), who played 108 games in 1991, mostly as a late-inning replacement. However, Young dislocated his right wrist in a training accident in late October and may not be ready until after the season begins. ■

ASTROS LEADERS '91

Avg. Biggio .295	HR Bagwell 15	RBI Bagwell 82	SB Finley 34
ERA Harnisch 2.70	Wins Harnisch 12	K's Harnisch 172	Saves Osuna 12

PITCHERS

No.	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	1991 Club	G	IP	W-L	Sv	ERA
Blair, Willie	R-R	6-1	185	12-18-65	Cleveland	11	36.0	2-3	0	6.75
					Colo. Spr. AAA	26	113.2	9-6	4	4.99
46 Bowen, Ryan	R-R	6-0	185	2-10-68	Houston	14	71.2	6-14	0	5.15
					Tucson AAA	18	98.2	5-5	0	4.38
35 Capel, Mike	R-R	6-1	175	10-13-61	Houston	25	32.2	1-3	3	3.03
					Tucson AAA	30	56.1	4-2	3	2.40
39 Gardner, Chris	R-R	6-0	175	3-30-69	Houston	5	24.2	1-2	0	4.01
					Jackson AA	22	131.1	13-5	0	3.15
30 Griffiths, Brian	R-R	6-2	190	5-29-68	Osceola A	18	61.0	4-3	0	1.92
27 Harnisch, Pete	R-R	6-0	207	9-23-66	Houston	33	216.2	12-9	0	2.70
50 Henry, Butch	L-L	6-1	195	10-7-68	Tucson AAA	27	153.2	10-11	0	4.80
31 Hernandez, Xavier	L-R	6-2	185	8-16-65	Houston	32	63.0	2-7	3	4.71
					Tucson AAA	16	36.0	2-1	4	2.75
37 Jones, Jimmy	R-R	6-2	190	4-20-64	Houston	26	135.1	6-8	0	4.39
59 Jones, Todd	L-R	6-3	200	4-24-68	Jackson AA	10	55.1	4-3	0	4.88
					Osceola A	14	72.1	4-4	0	4.35
44 Juden, Jeff	R-R	6-7	245	1-19-71	Houston	4	18.0	0-2	0	6.00
					Tucson AAA	10	56.2	3-2	0	3.18
					Jackson AA	16	95.2	6-3	0	3.10
57 Kile, Darryl	R-R	6-5	185	12-2-68	Houston	37	153.2	7-11	0	3.69
56 Mallicoat, Rob	L-L	6-3	180	11-16-64	Houston	24	23.1	0-2	1	3.86
					Tucson AAA	19	47.2	4-4	1	5.48
					Jackson AA	18	31.0	4-1	1	3.77
29 Osuna, Al	L-L	6-3	200	8-10-65	Houston	71	81.2	7-6	12	3.42
51 Portugal, Mark	R-R	6-0	190	10-30-62	Houston	32	168.1	10-12	1	4.49
38 Reynolds, Shane	R-R	6-3	210	3-26-68	Jackson AA	27	151.0	8-9	0	4.47
19 Schilling, Curt	R-R	6-4	215	11-14-66	Houston	56	75.2	3-5	8	3.81
					Tucson AAA	13	23.2	0-1	3	3.42
47 Simon, Richie	R-R	6-2	200	11-29-65	Jackson AA	56	70.1	4-2	20	2.18
63 Turner, Matt	R-R	6-5	215	2-18-67	Tucson AAA	13	26.0	1-1	1	4.15
					Richmond AAA	23	36.0	1-3	5	4.75
53 Williams, Brian	R-R	6-2	195	2-15-69	Houston	2	12.0	0-1	0	3.75
					Tucson AAA	7	38.1	0-1	0	4.93
					Jackson AA	3	15.0	2-1	0	4.20
					Osceola A	15	89.2	6-4	0	2.91

CATCHERS

						G	AB	Avg.	HR	RBI	SB
64 Eusebio, Tony	R-R	6-2	180	4-27-67	Houston	10	19	.105	0	0	0
					Tucson AAA	5	20	.400	0	2	1
					Jackson AA	66	222	.261	2	31	3
9 Servais, Scott	R-R	6-2	195	6-4-67	Houston	16	37	.162	0	6	0
					Tucson AAA	60	219	.324	2	27	0
28 Taubensee, Eddie	L-R	6-4	205	10-31-68	Cleveland	26	66	.242	0	8	0
					Colo. Spr. AAA	91	287	.310	13	39	0
20 Tucker, Eddie	R-R	6-2	205	11-18-66	Shreveport AA	110	352	.284	4	49	3

INFELDERS

5 Bagwell, Jeff	R-R	6-0	195	5-27-68	Houston	156	554	.294	15	82	7
7 Biggio, Craig	R-R	5-11	180	12-14-65	Houston	149	546	.295	4	46	19
11 Caminiti, Ken	S-R	6-0	200	4-21-63	Houston	152	574	.253	13	80	4
1 Candaele, Casey	S-R	5-9	165	1-12-61	Houston	151	461	.262	4	50	9
17 Cedenio, Andujar	R-R	6-1	168	8-21-69	Houston	67	251	.243	9	36	4
					Tucson AAA	93	347	.303	7	55	5
36 Cooper, Gary	R-R	6-1	200	8-13-64	Houston	9	16	.250	0	2	0
					Tucson AAA	120	406	.305	14	75	7
64 Miller, Orlando	R-R	6-1	180	1-13-69	Osceola A	74	272	.298	0	36	1
23 Mota, Andy	R-R	5-10	180	3-4-66	Houston	27	90	.189	1	6	2
					Tucson AAA	123	462	.299	2	46	14
15 Yelding, Eric	R-R	5-11	165	2-22-65	Houston	78	276	.243	1	20	11
					Tucson AAA	11	43	.395	0	3	4

OUTFIELDERS

21 Anthony, Eric	L-L	6-2	195	11-8-67	Houston	39	118	.153	1	7	1
					Tucson AAA	79	318	.336	9	63	11
12 Finley, Steve	L-L	6-2	180	3-12-65	Houston	159	596	.285	8	54	34
26 Gonzalez, Luis	L-R	6-2	180	9-3-67	Houston	137	473	.254	13	69	10
4 Rhodes, Karl	L-L	5-11	170	8-21-68	Houston	44	136	.213	1	12	2
					Tucson AAA	84	308	.260	1	46	5
22 Simms, Mike	R-R	6-4	185	1-12-67	Houston	49	123	.203	3	16	1
					Tucson AAA	85	297	.246	15	59	2
2 Young, Gerald	S-R	6-2	185	10-22-64	Houston	108	142	.218	1	11	16
					Tucson AAA	24	79	.304	0	17	3

Manager: Art Howe

Coaches: Bob Cluck, Matt Galante, Rudy Jaramillo, Ed Ott, Tom Spencer

FINAL STANDINGS

EASTERN DIVISION

Club	W	L	Pct.	GB
Pittsburgh	98	64	.605	-
St. Louis	84	78	.519	14
Philadelphia	78	84	.481	20
Chicago	77	83	.481	20
New York	77	84	.478	20½
Montreal	71	90	.441	26½

VS. EASTERN DIVISION

PIT	STL	PHI	CHI	NY	MTL
-	11	12	11	12	12
7	-	12	8	11	11
6	6	-	10	7	14
7	10	8	-	11	10
6	7	11	6	-	14
6	7	4	7	4	-

VS. WESTERN DIVISION

ATL	LA	SD	SF	CIN	HOU
3	5	7	7	10	8
3	6	3	8	8	7
7	5	9	6	3	5
6	2	4	6	4	9
3	5	7	6	7	5
-	7	6	7	6	10

WESTERN DIVISION

Club	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	94	68	.580	-
Los Angeles	93	69	.574	1
San Diego	84	78	.519	10
San Francisco	75	87	.463	19
Cincinnati	74	88	.457	20
Houston	65	97	.401	29

VS. EASTERN DIVISION

PIT	STL	PHI	CHI	NY	MTL
9	9	5	6	9	5
7	6	7	10	7	5
5	9	3	8	5	6
5	4	6	6	6	5
2	4	9	8	5	6
4	5	7	3	7	2

VS. WESTERN DIVISION

ATL	LA	SD	SF	CIN	HOU
-	7	11	9	11	13
-	10	8	12	10	10
7	8	-	11	10	12
9	10	7	-	8	9
7	6	8	10	-	9
5	8	6	9	9	-

Read across for team's victories against each opponent; read down for losses.

BATTING LEADERS

AVERAGE

319	Terry Pendleton, Atl.
318	Hal Morris, Cin.
317	Tony Gwynn, S.D.
312	Willie McGee, S.F.
305	Felix Jose, St.L.
302	Barry Larkin, Cin.
302	Bobby Bonilla, Pitt.
301	Will Clark, S.F.
301	Chris Sabo, Cin.
300	Ivan Calderon, Mtl.

RUNS

112	Brett Butler, L.A.
108	Howard Johnson, N.Y.
104	Ryne Sandberg, Chi.
102	Bobby Bonilla, Pitt.
101	Ronnie Gant, Atl.
96	Jay Bell, Pitt.
96	Ozzie Smith, St.L.
95	Barry Bonds, Pitt.
94	Terry Pendleton, Atl.
91	Chris Sabo, Cin.

HITS

187	Terry Pendleton, Atl.
182	Brett Butler, L.A.
175	Chris Sabo, Cin.
174	Bobby Bonilla, Pitt.
173	Felix Jose, St.L.
170	Will Clark, S.F.
170	Steve Finley, Hou.
170	Ryne Sandberg, Chi.
169	Mark Grace, Chi.
168	Tony Gwynn, S.D.

DOUBLES

44	Bobby Bonilla, Pitt.
40	Felix Jose, St.L.
36	Paul O'Neill, Cin.
36	Todd Zeile, St.L.
35	Ronnie Gant, Atl.
35	Chris Sabo, Cin.
34	Howard Johnson, N.Y.
34	Terry Pendleton, Atl.
33	Hal Morris, Cin.
33	Dale Murphy, Phil.

TRIPLES

15	Ray Lankford, St.L.
11	Tony Gwynn, S.D.
10	Steve Finley, Hou.
9	Luis Gonzalez, Hou.
9	Marquis Grissom, Mtl.
8	Jay Bell, Pitt.
8	Spike Owen, Mtl.
8	Terry Pendleton, Atl.
Four tied with 7	

HOME RUNS

38	Howard Johnson, N.Y.
34	Matt Williams, S.F.
32	Ronnie Gant, Atl.
31	Andre Dawson, Chi.
31	Fred McGriff, S.D.
29	Will Clark, S.F.
28	Paul O'Neill, Cin.
28	Darryl Strawberry, L.A.
27	Kevin Mitchell, S.F.
Two tied with 26	

RUNS BATTED IN

117	Howard Johnson, N.Y.
116	Barry Bonds, Pitt.
116	Will Clark, S.F.
106	Fred McGriff, S.D.
105	Ronnie Gant, Atl.
104	Andre Dawson, Chi.
100	Bobby Bonilla, Pitt.
100	Ryne Sandberg, Chi.
99	Darryl Strawberry, L.A.
98	Matt Williams, S.F.

TOTAL BASES

303	Will Clark, S.F.
303	Terry Pendleton, Atl.
302	Howard Johnson, N.Y.
294	Chris Sabo, Cin.
294	Matt Williams, S.F.
284	Ryne Sandberg, Chi.
284	Bobby Bonilla, Pitt.
278	Ronnie Gant, Atl.
275	Andre Dawson, Chi.
262	Barry Bonds, Pitt.

EXTRA-BASE HITS

76	Howard Johnson, N.Y.
70	Ronnie Gant, Atl.
68	Bobby Bonilla, Pitt.
68	Will Clark, S.F.
64	Paul O'Neill, Cin.
64	Terry Pendleton, Atl.
64	Chris Sabo, Cin.
63	Matt Williams, S.F.
60	Ryne Sandberg, Chi.
58	Barry Bonds, Pitt.

MULTI-HIT GAMES

52	Terry Pendleton, Atl.
51	Felix Jose, St.L.
50	Tony Gwynn, S.D.
50	Eddie Murray, L.A.
49	Chris Sabo, Cin.
48	Craig Biggio, Hou.
48	Will Clark, S.F.
Five tied with 47	

HITTING STREAKS

23	Brett Butler, L.A.
June 15-July 12	
20	Otis Nixon, Atl.
July 11-31	
19	Mark Grace, Chi.
July 24-Aug. 13	
19	Barry Larkin, Cin.
Aug. 17-Sept. 6	
19	Willie McGee, S.F.
May 26-June 15	

WALKS

108	Brett Butler, L.A.
107	Barry Bonds, Pitt.
105	Fred McGriff, S.D.
95	Delino DeShields, Mtl.
90	Bobby Bonilla, Pitt.
87	Ryne Sandberg, Chi.
83	Dave Magadan, N.Y.
83	Ozzie Smith, St.L.
78	Howard Johnson, N.Y.
Two tied with 75	

STOLEN BASES

76	Marquis Grissom, Mtl.
72	Otis Nixon, Atl.
56	Delino DeShields, Mtl.
44	Ray Lankford, St.L.
43	Barry Bonds, Pitt.
38	Brett Butler, L.A.
37	Vince Coleman, N.Y.
35	Ozzie Smith, St.L.
34	Steve Finley, Hou.
34	Ronnie Gant, Atl.

ON-BASE PCT.

.410	Barry Bonds, Pitt.
.401	Brett Butler, L.A.
.396	Fred McGriff, S.D.
.391	Bobby Bonilla, Pitt.
.387	Jeff Bagwell, Hou.
.380	Ozzie Smith, St.L.
.379	Ryne Sandberg, Chi.
.378	Dave Magadan, N.Y.
.378	Barry Larkin, Cin.
.374	Hal Morris, Cin.

SLUGGING PCT.

.536	Will Clark, S.F.
.535	Howard Johnson, N.Y.
.517	Terry Pendleton, Atl.
.514	Barry Bonds, Pitt.
.506	Barry Larkin, Cin.
.505	Chris Sabo, Cin.
.499	Matt Williams, S.F.
.496	Ronnie Gant, Atl.
.494	Fred McGriff, S.D.
.492	Bobby Bonilla, Pitt.

HARDEST TO FAN
(Plate App. per SO)

29.9	Tony Gwynn, S.D.
17.8	Ozzie Smith, St.L.
14.2	Gregg Jefferies, N.Y.
13.3	Mark Grace, Chi.
12.6	Kevin McReynolds, N.Y.
10.3	Dave Magadan, N.Y.
10.3	Casey Candaele, Hou.
10.1	Bobby Bonilla, Pitt.
10.1	Steve Finley, Hou.
9.7	Jose Lind, Pitt.

HOME RUN RATIO
(At Bats per HR)

14.8	Howard Johnson, N.Y.
17.0	Fred McGriff, S.D.
17.3	Matt Williams, S.F.
17.5	Ronnie Gant, Atl.
18.0	Darryl Strawberry, L.A.
18.2	Andre Dawson, Chi.
19.0	Paul O'Neill, Cin.
19.5	Will Clark, S.F.
20.4	Barry Bonds, Pitt.
22.3	George Bell, Chi.

RBI RATIO
(At Bats per RBI)

4.4	Barry Bonds, Pitt.
4.8	Howard Johnson, N.Y.
4.9	Will Clark, S.F.
5.0	Fred McGriff, S.D.
5.1	Darryl Strawberry, L.A.
5.3	Ronnie Gant, Atl.
5.4	Andre Dawson, Chi.
5.8	Bobby Bonilla, Pitt.
5.8	Paul O'Neill, Cin.
5.8	John Kruk, Phil.

PITCHING LEADERS

WINS

20	John Smiley, Pitt.
20	Tom Glavine, Atl.
18	Steve Avery, Atl.
17	Ramon Martinez, L.A.
16	Zane Smith, Pitt.
16	Terry Mulholland, Phil.
Six tied with 15.	

WINNING PCT.

.714	John Smiley, Pitt.
.714	Jose Rijo, Cin.
.706	Mitch Williams, Phil.
.692	Steve Avery, Atl.
.652	Bruce Hurst, S.D.
.650	Tommy Greene, Phil.
.650	Dwight Gooden, N.Y.
.645	Tom Glavine, Atl.
.615	Zane Smith, Pitt.
.611	Omar Olivares, St.L.

EARNED-RUN AVG.

2.39	Dennis Martinez, Mtl.
2.51	Jose Rijo, Cin.
2.55	Tom Glavine, Atl.
2.62	Tim Belcher, L.A.
2.70	Pete Harnisch, Hou.
2.71	Jose DeLeon, St.L.
2.78	Mike Morgan, L.A.
2.98	Randy Tomlin, Pitt.
3.03	Andy Benes, S.D.
3.07	Doug Drabek, Pitt.

GAMES STARTED

37	Greg Maddux, Chi.
36	Tom Browning, Cin.
36	Charlie Leibrandt, Atl.
36	John Smoltz, Atl.
35	Steve Avery, Atl.
35	Doug Drabek, Pitt.
35	Zane Smith, Pitt.
35	Frank Viola, N.Y.
Five tied with 34	

COMPLETE GAMES

9	Tom Glavine, Atl.
9	Dennis Martinez, Mtl.
8	Terry Mulholland, Phil.
7	Greg Maddux, Chi.
6	Ramon Martinez, L.A.
6	Zane Smith, Pitt.
5	John Smoltz, Atl.
5	Doug Drabek, Pitt.
5	Mike Morgan, L.A.
5	David Cone, N.Y.

SHUTOUTS

5	Dennis Martinez, Mtl.
4	Ramon Martinez, L.A.
3	Bud Black, S.F.
3	Terry Mulholland, Phil.
3	Zane Smith, Pitt.
Seven tied with 2	

INNINGS PITCHED

263.0	Greg Maddux, Chi.
246.2	Tom Glavine, Atl.
236.1	Mike Morgan, L.A.
234.2	Doug Drabek, Pitt.
232.2	David Cone, N.Y.
232.0	Terry Mulholland, Phil.
231.1	Frank Viola, N.Y.
230.1	Tom Browning, Cin.
229.2	Charlie Leibrandt, Atl.
229.2	John Smoltz, Atl.

HITS ALLOWED

259	Frank Viola, N.Y.
245	Doug Drabek, Pitt.
241	Tom Browning, Cin.
234	Zane Smith, Pitt.
232	Greg Maddux, Chi.
231	Terry Mulholland, Phil.
223	John Burkett, S.F.
212	Charlie Leibrandt, Atl.
206	John Smoltz, Atl.
206	Bob Tewksbury, St.L.

FEWEST HITS (9 INN.)

7.02	Pete Harnisch, Hou.
7.27	Jose Rijo, Cin.
7.28	Jose DeJesus, Phil.
7.30	Ken Hill, St.L.
7.33	Tom Glavine, Atl.
7.43	Mark Gardner, Mtl.
7.50	Mike Morgan, L.A.
7.58	Dennis Martinez, Mtl.
7.67	Tommy Greene, Phil.
7.71	Trevor Wilson, S.F.

WALKS

128	Jose DeJesus, Phil.
84	Brian Barnes, Mtl.
84	Darryl Kile, Hou.
83	Pete Harnisch, Hou.
80	Randy Myers, Cin.
77	John Smoltz, Atl.
77	Trevor Wilson, S.F.
75	Tim Belcher, L.A.
75	Mark Gardner, Mtl.
73	David Cone, N.Y.

FEWEST WALKS (9 INN.)

1.1	Zane Smith, Pitt.
1.8	Bob Tewksbury, St.L.
1.9	Terry Mulholland, Phil.
1.9	John Smiley, Pitt.
2.0	Bryn Smith, St.L.
2.1	Frank Viola, N.Y.
2.2	Tom Browning, Cin.
2.2	Charlie Leibrandt, Atl.
2.3	Greg Maddux, Chi.
2.3	Mike Morgan, L.A.

STRIKEOUTS

241	David Cone, N.Y.
198	Greg Maddux, Chi.
192	Tom Glavine, Atl.
172	Pete Harnisch, Hou.
172	Jose Rijo, Cin.
167	Andy Benes, S.D.
156	Tim Belcher, L.A.
154	Tommy Greene, Phil.
150	Dwight Gooden, N.Y.
150	Ramon Martinez, L.A.

STRIKEOUTS (9 INN.)

9.3	David Cone, N.Y.
7.6	Jose Rijo, Cin.
7.1	Pete Harnisch, Hou.
7.1	Dwight Gooden, N.Y.
7.0	Tom Glavine, Atl.
6.8	Greg Maddux, Chi.
6.7	Andy Benes, S.D.
6.7	Tim Belcher, L.A.
6.7	Tommy Greene, Phil.
6.5	Jose DeLeon, St.L.

HOME RUNS ALLOWED

32	Tom Browning, Cin.
25	Jack Armstrong, Cin.
25	Frank Viola, N.Y.
25	Bud Black, S.F.
23	Andy Benes, S.D.
21	Steve Avery, Atl.
19	Tommy Greene, Phil.
19	John Burkett, S.F.
19	Mark Portugal, Hou.
19	Jim Deshaies, Hou.

OPP. BATTING AVG.

.212	Pete Harnisch, Hou.
.219	Jose Rijo, Cin.
.222	Tom Glavine, Atl.
.224	Jose DeJesus, Phil.
.224	Ken Hill, St.L.
.226	Dennis Martinez, Mtl.
.226	Mike Morgan, L.A.
.229	Ramon Martinez, L.A.
.230	

CLUB BATTING

Club	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SF	BB	SO	SB	CS	LOB	ShO	Sig. Pct.	OB Pct.
Pittsburgh	.263	162	5449	768	1433	2170	259	50	126	725	66	620	901	124	46	1188	6	.398	.338
Cincinnati	.258	162	5501	689	1419	2215	250	27	164	654	41	488	1006	124	56	1110	9	.403	.320
Atlanta	.258	162	5456	749	1407	2145	255	30	141	704	45	563	906	165	76	1111	9	.393	.328
St. Louis	.255	162	5362	651	1366	1915	239	53	68	599	47	532	857	202	110	1072	14	.357	.322
Chicago	.253	160	5522	695	1395	2156	232	26	159	654	55	442	879	123	64	1074	4	.390	.309
Los Angeles	.253	162	5408	665	1366	1939	191	29	108	605	46	583	957	126	68	1151	8	.359	.326
San Francisco	.246	162	5463	649	1345	2079	215	48	141	605	33	471	973	95	57	1110	13	.381	.309
Montreal	.246	161	5412	579	1329	1934	236	42	95	536	47	484	1056	221	100	1074	10	.357	.308
Houston	.244	162	5504	605	1345	1908	240	43	79	570	43	502	1027	125	68	1131	16	.347	.309
San Diego	.244	162	5408	636	1321	1960	204	36	121	591	38	501	1069	101	64	1080	12	.362	.310
New York	.244	161	5359	640	1305	1954	250	24	117	605	52	578	789	153	70	1114	9	.365	.317
Philadelphia	.241	162	5521	629	1332	1979	248	33	111	590	49	490	1026	92	30	1108	12	.358	.303

INDIVIDUAL BATTING

* Bats left-handed # Switch-hitter

50 or more games—pitchers not listed

LIFETIME STATISTICS INCLUDED

Player, Club	Yrs.	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HB	BB	IBB	SO	SB	CS	GI DP	Sig. Pct.	OB Pct.
Abner, Shawn, S.D.		.165	53	115	15	19	28	4	1	1	5	1	1	1	7	4	25	0	0	3	.243	.218
	5	.210	295	632	68	133	198	29	3	10	55							5				
Alicea, Luis, St.L.#		.191	56	68	5	13	16	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	19	0	1	0	.235	.276
	2	.208	149	365	25	76	100	13	4	1	24							1				
Anderson, Dave, S.F.		.248	100	226	24	56	71	5	2	2	13	2	0	0	12	2	35	2	4	8	.314	.286
	9	.240	822	1942	234	466	607	69	12	16	135							49				
Backman, Wally, Phil.#		.243	94	185	20	45	57	12	0	0	15	2	3	0	30	0	30	3	2	2	.308	.344
	12	.277	1050	3168	474	876	1081	137	19	10	234							116				
Bagwell, Jeff, Hou.		.294	156	554	79	163	242	26	4	15	82	1	7	13	75	5	116	7	4	12	.437	.387
	1	.294	156	554	79	163	242	26	4	15	82							7				
Barberie, Bret, Mtl.#		.353	57	136	16	48	70	12	2	2	18	1	3	2	20	2	22	0	0	4	.515	.435
	1	.353	57	136	16	48	70	12	2	2	18							0				
Bass, Kevin, S.F.#		.233	124	361	43	84	132	10	4	10	40	2	3	4	36	8	56	7	4	12	.366	.307
	10	.270	1132	3710	469	1000	1533	180	34	95	468							120				
Bell, George, Chi.		.285	149	558	63	159	261	27	0	25	86	0	9	4	32	6	62	2	6	10	.468	.323
	10	.286	1330	5086	704	1453	2462	264	32	227	826							61				
Bell, Jay, Pitt.		.270	157	608	96	164	260	32	8	16	67	30	3	4	52	1	99	10	6	15	.428	.330
	6	.254	510	1812	262	460	679	89	20	30	184							31				
Belliard, Rafael, Atl.		.249	149	353	36	88	101	9	2	0	27	7	1	2	22	2	63	3	1	4	.286	.296
	10	.226	633	1404	151	317	367	25	11	1	99							38				
Benjamin, Mike, S.F.		.123	54	106	12	13	22	3	0	2	8	3	2	2	7	2	26	3	0	1	.208	.188
	3	.155	90	168	25	26	46	6	1	4	11							4				
Benzinger, Todd, Cin.#		.187	51	123	7	23	33	3	2	1	11	1	2	0	10	2	20	2	0	2	.268	.244
	5	.255	601	2048	233	523	784	99	12	46	286							17				
Berryhill, Damon, Chi.-Atl.#		.188	63	160	13	30	52	7	0	5	14	0	1	1	11	1	42	1	2	2	.325	.243
	5	.239	278	884	77	211	311	44	1	18	103							3				
Biggio, Craig, Hou.		.295	149	546	79	161	204	23	4	4	46	5	3	2	53	3	71	19	6	2	.374	.358
	4	.272	483	1667	210	454	618	74	9	24	153							71				
Blauser, Jeff, Atl.		.259	129	352	49	91	144	14	3	11	54	4	3	2	54	4	59	5	6	4	.409	.358
	5	.262	455	1426	176	374	574	71	12	35	161							20				
Bonds, Barry, Pitt.*		.292	153	510	95	149	262	28	5	25	116	0	13	4	107	25	73	43	13	8	.514	.410
	6	.269	870	3111	563	837	1509	184	31	142	453							212				
Bonilla, Bobby, Pitt.#		.302	157	577	102	174	284	44	6	18	100	0	11	2	90	8	67	2	4	14	.492	.391
	6	.283	918	3294	510	931	1554	201	37	116	526							28				
Boston, Daryl, N.Y.*		.275	137	255	40	70	106	16	4	4	21	0	1	0	30	0	42	15	8	2	.416	.350
	8	.250	752	1972	284	493	793	100	19	54	189							85				
Braggs, Glenn, Cin.		.260	85	250	36	65	108	10	0	11	39	0	4	2	23	3	46	11	3	4	.432	.323
	6	.260	600	2070	268	538	836	86	13	62	283							55				
Bream, Sid, Atl.*		.253	91	265	32	67	112	12	0	11	45	4	4	0	25	5	31	0	3	8	.423	.313
	9	.262	800	2398	281	629	1009	147	10	71	352							40				
Brooks, Hubie, N.Y.		.238	103	357	48	85	146	11	1	16	50	0	3	3	44	8	62	3	1	7	.409	.324
	12	.272	1454	5439	609	1480	2222	263	31	139	750							60				
Bullock, Eric, Mtl.*		.222	73	72	6	16	23	4	0	1	6	0	1	0	9	0	13	6	1	3	.319	.305
	6	.213	123	141	13	30	39	6	0	1	12							9				
Butler, Brett, L.A.*		.296	161	615	112	182	211	13	5	2	38	4	2	1	108	4	79	38	28	3	.343	.401
	11	.286	1521	5616	962	1606	2107	202	88	41	400							396				
Calderon, Ivan, Mtl.		.300	134	470	69	141	226	22	3	19	75	1	10	3	53	4	64	31	16	7	.481	.368
	8	.278	794	2903	425	806	1324	176	21	100	398							92				
Caminiti, Ken, Hou.#		.253	152	574	65	145	220	30	3	13	80	3	4	5	46	7	85	4	5	18	.383	.312
	5	.247	559	1986	203	490	691	90	9	31	233							17				
Candaele, Casey, Hou.#		.262	151	461	44	121	167	20	7	4	50	1	3	0	40	7	49	9	3	5	.362	.319
	6	.258	506	1423	156	367	492	63	19	8	106							27				
Carreon, Mark, N.Y.		.260	106	254	18	66	84	6	0	4	21	1	1	2	12	2	26	2	1	13	.331	.297
	5	.272	272	596	73	162	251	26	0	21	65							5				
Carter, Gary, L.A.		.246	101	248	22	61	93	14	0	6	26	1	2	7	22	1	26	2	2	11	.375	.323
	18	.264	2201	7686	1001	2030	3400	353	30	319	1196							39				



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Cedeno, Andujar, Hou.	2	.243 .236	67 74	251 259	27 27	61 61	105 105	13 13	2 2	9 9	36 36	1	2	1	9	1	74	4 4	3	3	.418	.270
Cerone, Rick, N.Y.	17	.273 .245	90 1296	227 4006	18 383	62 981	81 1371	13 186	0 15	2 58	16 429	0	0	1	30	2	24	1 5	1	9	.357	.360
Chamberlain, Wes, Phil.	2	.240 .245	101 119	383 429	51 60	92 105	153 175	16 19	3 3	13 15	50 54	1	0	2	31	0	73	9 13	4	8	.399	.300
Clark, Jerald, S.D.	4	.228 .232	118 194	369 526	26 43	84 122	130 195	16 23	0 1	10 16	47 68	1	4	6	31	2	90	2 2	1	10	.352	.295
Clark, Will, S.F.*	6	.301 .302	148 884	565 3265	84 536	170 985	303 1673	32 182	7 34	29 146	116 563	0	4	2	51	12	91	4 38	2	5	.536	.359
Coleman, Vince, N.Y.#	7	.255 .264	72 950	278 3813	45 611	71 1008	91 1291	7 113	5 61	1 16	17 234	1	0	0	39	0	47	37 586	14	3	.327	.347
Coolbaugh, Scott, S.D.	3	.217 .217	60 152	180 411	12 40	39 89	55 124	8 15	1 1	2 6	15 35	4	1	1	19	2	45	0 1	3	8	.306	.294
Daniels, Kal, L.A.*	6	.249 .289	137 644	461 2126	54 370	115 615	183 1039	15 114	1 8	17 98	73 335	0	6	1	63	4	116	6 87	1	9	.397	.337
Dascenzo, Doug, Chi.#	4	.255 .232	118 304	239 694	40 96	61 161	75 204	11 24	0 5	1 3	18 60	6	1	2	24	2	26	14 41	7	3	.314	.327
Daulton, Darren, Phil.*	8	.196 .222	89 561	285 1629	36 183	56 361	104 586	12 73	0 4	12 48	42 200	2	5	2	41	4	66	5 21	0	4	.365	.297
Davidson, Mark, Hou.	6	.190 .225	85 413	142 661	10 88	27 149	39 200	6 27	0 3	2 6	15 57	0	0	2	12	0	28	0 15	0	2	.275	.263
Davis, Eric, Cin.	8	.235 .268	89 856	285 2857	39 554	67 767	110 1453	10 119	0 18	11 177	33 532	0	2	5	48	5	92	14 247	2	4	.386	.353
Dawson, Andre, Chi.	16	.272 .282	149 2167	563 8348	69 1199	153 2354	275 4086	21 417	4 92	31 377	104 1335	0	6	5	22	3	80	4 304	5	10	.488	.302
Decker, Steve, S.F.	2	.206 .223	79 94	233 287	11 16	48 64	72 99	7 9	1 1	5 8	24 32	2	4	3	16	1	44	0 0	1	7	.309	.262
DeShields, Delino, Mtl.*	2	.238 .262	151 280	563 1062	83 152	134 278	187 383	15 43	4 10	10 14	51 96	8	5	2	95	2	151	56 98	23	6	.332	.347
Doran, Bill, Cin.#	10	.280 .269	111 1293	361 4684	51 672	101 1262	135 1764	12 200	2 37	6 76	35 444	0	3	0	46	1	39	5 201	4	4	.374	.359
Duncan, Mariano, Cin.	6	.258 .252	100 646	333 2256	46 297	86 569	137 835	7 83	4 24	12 45	40 203	5	3	3	12	0	57	5 124	4	0	.411	.288
Dunston, Shawon, Chi.	7	.260 .258	142 900	492 3260	59 399	128 840	200 1287	22 154	7 37	12 73	50 340	4	11	4	23	5	64	21 131	6	9	.407	.292
Dykstra, Lenny, Phil.*	7	.297 .283	63 846	246 2874	48 480	73 812	105 1178	13 172	5 28	3 46	12 244	0	0	1	37	1	20	24 190	4	1	.427	.391
Elster, Kevin, N.Y.	6	.241 .224	115 531	348 1566	33 166	84 351	122 540	16 75	2 6	6 34	36 174	1	4	1	40	6	53	2 10	3	4	.351	.318
Faries, Paul, S.D.	2	.177 .180	57 71	130 167	13 17	23 30	28 36	3 4	1 1	0 0	7 9	4	0	1	14	0	21	3 3	1	5	.215	.262
Felder, Mike, S.F.#	7	.264 .251	132 587	348 1481	51 233	92 372	114 480	10 37	6 22	0 9	18 117	4	0	1	30	2	31	21 129	6	1	.328	.325
Fernandez, Tony, S.D.#	9	.272 .287	145 1173	558 4510	81 591	152 1294	201 1777	27 219	5 66	4 44	38 442	7	1	0	55	0	74	23 161	9	12	.360	.337
Finley, Steve, Hou.*	3	.285 .269	159 382	596 1277	84 165	170 343	242 463	28 49	10 16	8 13	54 116	10	6	2	42	5	65	34 73	18	8	.406	.331
Fitzgerald, Mike, Mtl.	9	.202 .237	71 753	198 2127	17 201	40 505	61 742	5 93	2 9	4 42	28 276	1	3	0	22	4	35	4 29	2	5	.308	.278
Foley, Tom, Mtl.*	9	.208 .248	86 880	168 2252	12 208	35 558	48 783	11 11	1 18	0 26	15 219	1	3	1	14	4	30	2 28	0	4	.286	.269
Galarraga, Andres, Mtl.	7	.219 .269	107 847	375 3082	34 394	82 830	126 1344	13 168	2 14	9 106	33 433	0	0	2	23	5	86	5 54	6	6	.336	.268
Gant, Ronnie, Atl.	5	.251 .259	154 548	561 2042	101 328	141 529	278 954	35 109	3 17	32 94	105 283	0	5	5	71	8	104	34 99	15	6	.496	.338
Gedman, Rich, St.L.*	12	.106 .253	46 992	94 3054	7 326	10 772	20 1229	1 172	0 12	3 87	8 374	0	2	0	4	0	15	0 3	1	2	.213	.140
Gilkey, Bernard, St.L.	2	.216 .232	81 99	268 332	28 39	58 77	84 115	7 12	2 4	5 6	20 23	1	2	1	39	0	33	14 20	8	14	.313	.316
Girardi, Joe, Chi.	3	.191 .258	21 213	47 623	3 54	9 161	11 207	2 36	0 2	0 2	6 58	1	0	0	6	1	6	0 10	0	0	.234	.283
Gonzalez, Jose, L.A.-Pitt.	7	.042 .216	58 427	48 621	5 91	2 134	5 203	0 28	0 7	1 9	3 40	2	1	0	2	0	15	0 33	0	0	.104	.078
Gonzalez, Luis, Hou.*	2	.254 .251	137 149	473 494	51 52	120 124	205 211	28 30	9 9	13 13	69 69	1	4	8	40	4	101	10 10	7	9	.433	.320
Grace, Mark, Chi.*	4	.273 .297	160 593	619 2204	87 298	169 655	231 903	28 111	5 13	8 37	58 276	4	7	3	70	7	53	3 35	4	6	.373	.346
Gregg, Tommy, Atl.*	5	.187 .245	72 333	107 674	13 63	20 165	33 242	8 34	1 2	1 13	4 66	0	0	1	12	2	24	2 9	2	1	.308	.275
Griffin, Alfredo, L.A.#	16	.243 .250	109 1853	350 6535	27 723	85 1633	95 2096	6 235	2 78	0 24	27 514	7	5	1	22	5	49	5 189	4	5	.271	.286
Grissom, Marquis, Mtl.	3	.267 .263	148 272	558 920	73 131	149 242	208 333	23 39	9 11	6 10	39 70	4	0	1	34	0	89	76 99	17	8	.373	.310
Guerrero, Pedro, St.L.	14	.272 .302	115 1493	427 5246	41 720	116 1586	154 2545	12 261	1 28	8 214	70 882	0	7	1	37	2	46	4 95	2	12	.361	.326

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Gwynn, Chris, L.A.*	5	.252	94	139	18	35	57	5	1	5	22	1	3	1	10	1	23	1	0	5	.410	.301
Gwynn, Tony, S.D.*	10	.317	134	530	69	168	229	27	11	4	62	0	5	0	34	8	19	8	8	11	.432	.355
Hansen, Dave, L.A.*	2	.268	53	56	3	15	22	4	0	1	5	0	0	0	2	0	12	1	0	2	.393	.293
Harris, Lenny, L.A.*	4	.287	145	429	59	123	150	16	1	3	38	12	2	5	37	5	32	12	3	16	.350	.349
Hassey, Ron, Mtl.*	14	.227	52	119	5	27	38	8	0	1	14	2	1	0	13	1	16	1	1	5	.319	.301
Hatcher, Billy, Cin.	8	.262	138	442	45	116	159	25	3	4	41	4	3	7	26	4	55	11	9	9	.360	.312
Hayes, Charlie, Phil.	4	.230	142	460	34	106	167	23	1	12	53	2	1	1	16	3	75	3	3	13	.363	.257
Hayes, Von, Phil.*	11	.225	77	284	43	64	81	15	1	0	21	0	5	3	31	1	42	9	2	6	.285	.303
Herr, Tommy, N.Y.-S.F.#	13	.209	102	215	23	45	58	8	1	1	21	2	2	0	45	5	28	9	2	4	.270	.344
Hollins, Dave, Phil.#	2	.298	56	151	18	45	77	10	2	6	21	0	1	3	17	1	26	1	1	2	.510	.378
Howard, Thomas, S.D.#	2	.249	106	281	30	70	100	12	3	4	22	2	1	1	24	4	57	10	7	4	.356	.309
Howell, Jack, S.D.*	7	.206	58	160	24	33	56	3	1	6	16	1	0	0	18	1	33	0	0	1	.350	.287
Hudler, Rex, St.L.	7	.227	101	207	21	47	64	10	2	1	15	2	2	0	10	1	29	12	8	1	.309	.260
Hunter, Brian, Atl.	1	.251	97	271	32	68	122	16	1	12	50	0	2	1	17	0	48	0	2	6	.450	.296
Jackson, Darrin, S.D.	6	.262	122	359	51	94	171	12	1	21	49	3	3	2	27	2	66	5	3	5	.476	.315
Javier, Stan, L.A.#	7	.205	121	176	21	36	50	5	3	1	11	3	2	0	16	0	36	7	1	4	.284	.268
Jefferies, Gregg, N.Y.#	5	.272	136	486	59	132	182	19	2	9	62	1	3	2	47	2	38	26	5	12	.374	.336
Johnson, Howard, N.Y.#	10	.259	156	564	108	146	302	34	4	38	117	0	15	1	78	12	120	30	16	4	.535	.342
Jones, Chris, Cin.	1	.292	52	89	14	26	37	1	2	2	6	0	1	0	2	0	31	2	1	2	.416	.304
Jordan, Ricky, Phil.	4	.272	101	301	38	82	136	21	3	9	49	0	5	2	14	2	49	0	2	11	.452	.304
Jose, Felix, St.L.#	4	.305	154	568	69	173	249	40	6	8	77	0	5	2	50	8	113	20	12	12	.438	.360
Justice, David, Atl.*	3	.275	109	396	67	109	199	25	1	21	87	0	5	3	65	9	81	8	8	4	.503	.377
Kennedy, Terry, S.F.*	14	.234	69	171	12	40	58	7	1	3	13	0	1	1	11	4	31	0	0	4	.339	.283
Kingery, Mike, S.F.*	6	.182	91	110	13	20	26	2	2	0	8	0	0	0	15	1	21	1	0	3	.236	.280
Kruk, John, Phil.*	6	.294	152	538	84	158	260	27	6	21	92	0	9	1	67	16	100	7	0	11	.483	.367
LaValliere, Mike, Pitt.*	8	.289	108	336	25	97	121	11	2	3	41	1	5	2	33	4	27	2	1	10	.360	.351
Lake, Steve, Phil.	9	.228	58	158	12	36	45	4	1	1	11	4	0	0	2	1	26	0	0	5	.285	.238
Landrum, Ced, Chi.*	1	.233	56	86	28	20	24	2	1	0	6	3	0	0	10	0	18	27	5	2	.279	.313
Lankford, Ray, St.L.*	2	.251	151	566	83	142	222	23	15	9	69	4	3	1	41	1	114	44	20	4	.392	.301
Larkin, Barry, Cin.	6	.302	123	464	88	140	235	27	4	20	69	3	2	3	55	1	64	24	6	7	.506	.378
Lemke, Mark, Atl.#	4	.234	136	269	36	63	84	11	2	2	23	6	4	0	29	2	27	1	2	9	.312	.305
Leonard, Mark, S.F.*	2	.240	64	129	14	31	46	7	1	2	14	1	2	1	12	1	25	0	1	3	.357	.306
Lewis, Darren, S.F.	2	.248	72	222	41	55	69	5	3	1	15	7	0	2	36	0	30	13	7	1	.311	.358
Lind, Jose, Pitt.	5	.265	150	502	53	133	170	16	6	3	54	5	6	2	30	10	56	7	4	20	.339	.306
Lindeman, Jim, Phil.	6	.337	65	95	13	32	37	5	0	0	12	2	1	0	13	1	14	0	1	1	.389	.413
Litton, Greg, S.F.	3	.181	59	127	13	23	35	7	1	1	15	3	1	1	11	0	25	0	2	2	.276	.250
Magadan, Dave, N.Y.*	6	.258	124	418	58	108	143	23	0	4	51	7	7	2	83	3	50	1	1	5	.342	.378
Manwaring, Kirt, S.F.	5	.225	67	178	16	40	49	9	0	0	19	7	2	3	9	0	22	1	1	2	.275	.271

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Martinez, Carmelo, Pitt.-Cin.	9	.234	64	154	13	36	59	5	0	6	19	0	3	0	16	1	39	0	0	3	.383	.301
Martinez, Dave, Mtl.*	6	.295	124	396	47	117	166	18	5	7	42	5	3	3	20	3	54	16	7	3	.419	.332
McClendon, Lloyd, Pitt.	5	.288	85	163	24	47	75	7	0	7	24	0	0	2	18	0	23	2	1	2	.460	.366
McGee, Willie, St.L.#	10	.298	1324	5195	717	1548	2115	237	81	56	603	8	2	2	34	3	74	17	9	11	.408	.357
McGriff, Fred, S.D.*	6	.278	153	528	84	147	261	19	1	31	106	0	7	2	105	26	135	4	1	14	.494	.396
McReynolds, Kevin, N.Y.	9	.259	143	522	65	135	217	32	1	16	74	1	4	2	49	7	46	6	6	8	.416	.322
Merced, Orlando, Pitt.#	2	.275	120	411	83	113	164	17	2	10	50	1	1	1	64	4	81	8	4	6	.399	.373
Miller, Keith, N.Y.	5	.264	308	772	121	204	273	40	4	7	48	0	1	5	23	0	44	14	4	2	.411	.345
Mitchell, Kevin, S.F.	7	.256	113	371	52	95	191	13	1	27	69	0	4	5	43	8	57	2	3	6	.515	.338
Morandini, Mickey, Phi.*	2	.249	98	325	38	81	103	11	4	1	20	6	2	2	29	0	45	13	2	7	.317	.313
Morris, Hal, Cin.*	4	.318	136	478	72	152	229	33	1	14	59	5	7	1	46	7	61	10	4	4	.479	.374
Morris, John, Phil.*	6	.220	85	127	15	28	35	2	1	1	6	0	0	1	12	4	25	2	0	1	.276	.293
Murphy, Dale, Phil.	16	.252	153	544	66	137	226	33	1	18	81	0	7	0	48	3	93	1	0	20	.415	.309
Murray, Eddie, L.A.#	15	.260	153	576	69	150	232	23	1	19	96	0	8	0	55	17	74	10	3	17	.403	.321
Nixon, Otis, Atl.#	9	.297	124	401	81	119	131	10	1	0	26	7	3	2	47	3	40	72	21	5	.327	.371
Noboa, Junior, Mtl.	6	.242	67	95	5	23	29	3	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	1	8	2	3	1	.305	.250
O'Brien, Charlie, N.Y.	6	.185	69	168	16	31	43	6	0	2	14	0	2	4	17	1	25	0	2	5	.256	.272
O'Neill, Paul, Cin.*	7	.256	152	532	71	136	256	36	0	28	91	0	1	1	73	14	107	12	7	8	.481	.346
Oberkfell, Ken, Hou.*	15	.229	53	70	7	16	20	4	0	0	14	0	0	0	14	4	8	0	0	0	.286	.357
Offerman, Jose, L.A.#	2	.195	52	113	10	22	24	2	0	0	3	1	0	1	25	2	32	3	2	5	.212	.345
Oliver, Joe, Cin.	3	.216	94	269	21	58	102	11	0	11	41	4	0	0	18	5	53	0	0	14	.379	.265
Olson, Greg, Atl.	3	.241	133	411	46	99	142	25	0	6	44	2	4	3	44	3	48	1	1	13	.345	.316
Oquendo, Jose, St.L.#	8	.240	127	366	37	88	110	11	4	1	26	4	3	1	67	13	48	1	2	5	.301	.357
Ortiz, Javier, Hou.	2	.277	47	83	7	23	32	4	1	1	5	0	0	0	14	0	14	0	0	3	.386	.381
Owen, Spike, Mtl.#	9	.255	139	424	39	108	155	22	8	3	26	4	4	1	42	11	61	2	6	11	.366	.321
Pagnozzi, Tom, St.L.	5	.264	140	459	38	121	161	24	5	2	57	6	5	4	36	6	63	9	13	10	.351	.319
Pena, Geronimo, St.L.#	2	.243	104	185	38	45	74	8	3	5	17	1	3	5	18	1	45	15	5	0	.400	.322
Pendleton, Terry, Atl.#	8	.319	153	586	94	187	303	34	8	22	86	7	7	1	43	8	70	10	2	16	.517	.363
Perry, Gerald, St.L.*	9	.240	109	242	29	58	92	8	4	6	36	0	3	0	22	1	34	15	8	2	.380	.300
Quinones, Luis, Cin.#	7	.222	97	212	15	47	69	4	3	4	20	1	1	2	21	3	31	1	2	2	.325	.297
Ramirez, Rafael, Hou.	12	.236	101	233	17	55	68	10	0	1	20	1	2	0	13	1	40	3	3	3	.292	.274
Ready, Randy, Phil.	9	.249	76	205	32	51	66	10	1	1	20	1	4	1	47	3	25	2	1	5	.322	.385
Redus, Gary, Pitt.	10	.246	98	252	45	62	99	12	2	7	24	1	4	3	28	2	39	17	3	0	.393	.324
Reed, Jeff, Cin.*	8	.267	91	270	20	72	100	15	2	3	31	1	5	1	23	3	38	0	1	6	.370	.321
Reyes, Gilberto, Mtl.	6	.217	83	207	11	45	54	9	0	0	13	1	1	1	19	2	51	2	4	3	.261	.285
Roberts, Bip, S.D.#	5	.281	117	424	66	119	147	13	3	3	32	4	3	4	37	0	71	26	11	6	.347	.342
Sabo, Chris, Cin.	4	.301	153	582	91	175	294	35	3	26	88	5	3	6	44	3	79	19	6	13	.505	.354

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Player, Club	Yrs.	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HB	BB	IBB	SO	SB	CS	GI DP	Sig. Pct.	OB Pct.
Salazar, Luis, Chi.	12	.258 .264	103 1204	333 3846	34 418	86 1017	144 1483	14 137	1 31	14 89	38 430	2	0	1	15	1	45 116	0	3	8	.432	.292
Samuel, Juan, L.A.	9	.271 .259	153 1234	594 4922	74 696	161 1277	231 2058	22 235	6 81	12 128	58 551	10	3	3	49	4	133 335	23 335	8	8	.389	.328
Sandberg, Ryne, Chi.	11	.291 .288	158 1547	585 6093	104 976	170 1753	284 2774	32 288	2 59	26 205	100 749	1	9	2	87	4	89 297	22 297	8	9	.485	.379
Sanders, Deion, Atl.*	3	.191 .183	54 125	110 290	16 47	21 53	38 93	1 5	2 4	4 9	13 29	0	0	0	12	0	23 20	11 20	3	1	.345	.270
Santiago, Benito, S.D.	6	.267 .266	152 683	580 2486	60 275	155 661	234 1019	22 103	3 15	17 75	87 333	0	7	4	23	5	114 60	8 60	10	21	.403	.296
Sasser, Mackey, N.Y.*	5	.272 .287	96 342	228 830	18 77	62 238	95 339	14 52	2 5	5 13	35 117	1	4	1	9	2	19 0	0 0	2	6	.417	.298
Scioscia, Mike, L.A.*	12	.264 .262	119 1324	345 4025	39 379	91 1054	135 1459	16 192	2 9	8 65	40 422	5	4	3	47	3	32 26	4 26	3	5	.391	.353
Sharperson, Mike, L.A.	5	.278 .276	105 349	216 789	24 87	60 218	81 278	11 35	2 5	2 5	20 75	10	0	1	25	0	24 18	1 18	3	2	.375	.355
Slaughter, Don, Pitt.	10	.295 .274	77 917	220 2816	19 294	65 771	87 1158	17 176	1 23	1 55	29 314	5	1	3	21	1	32 14	1 14	0	6	.395	.363
Smith, Dwight, Chi.*	3	.228 .281	90 316	167 800	16 102	38 225	58 336	7 41	2 8	3 18	21 100	1	0	1	11	2	32 22	2 22	3	2	.347	.279
Smith, Lonnie, Atl.	14	.275 .291	122 1391	353 4730	58 830	97 1375	139 1987	19 256	1 52	7 84	44 471	2	2	9	50	3	64 356	9 356	5	4	.394	.377
Smith, Ozzie, St.L.#	14	.285 .258	150 2076	550 7569	96 1006	157 1955	202 2458	30 327	3 55	3 22	50 650	6	1	1	83	2	36 499	35 499	9	8	.367	.380
Strawberry, Darryl, N.Y.*	9	.265 .263	139 1248	505 4408	86 748	134 1159	248 2276	22 209	4 34	28 280	99 832	0	5	3	75	4	125 201	10 201	8	8	.491	.361
Templeton, Garry, S.D.-N.Y.#	16	.221 .272	112 2079	276 7721	25 893	61 2096	144 2847	10 329	2 106	3 70	26 728	4	3	0	10	3	38 242	3 242	2	10	.304	.246
Teufel, Tim, N.Y.-S.D.	9	.217 .257	117 876	341 2666	41 366	74 684	126 1087	16 164	0 10	12 73	44 323	4	2	1	51	4	77 19	9 19	3	8	.370	.319
Thompson, Milt, St.L.*	8	.307 .280	115 871	326 2774	55 367	100 777	144 1059	16 115	5 34	6 33	34 241	2	1	0	32	7	53 173	16 173	9	4	.442	.368
Thompson, Robby, S.F.	6	.262 .257	144 855	492 2893	74 433	129 768	220 1196	24 149	5 33	19 71	48 293	11	1	6	63	2	95 82	14 82	7	5	.447	.352
Thon, Dickie, Phil.	13	.252 .265	146 1207	539 3929	44 443	136 1042	189 1484	18 168	4 38	9 66	44 365	2	4	0	25	6	84 149	11 149	5	9	.351	.283
Treadway, Jeff, Atl.*	5	.320 .285	106 494	306 1638	41 194	98 467	128 645	17 78	2 11	3 26	32 158	2	3	2	23	1	19 11	2 11	2	8	.418	.368
Uribe, Jose, S.F.#	8	.221 .241	90 927	231 2849	23 279	51 686	70 892	8 89	4 33	1 17	12 203	1	0	0	20	6	33 71	3 71	4	2	.303	.283
Van Slyke, Andy, Pitt.*	9	.265 .269	138 1236	491 4123	87 617	130 1109	219 1845	24 206	7 70	17 130	83 599	0	11	4	71	1	85 208	10 208	3	5	.446	.355
Varsho, Gary, Chi.-Pitt.*	4	.273 .251	99 252	187 395	23 49	51 99	78 141	11 22	2 4	4 35	23 35	1	1	2	19	2	34 19	9 19	2	2	.417	.344
Villanueva, Hector, Chi.	2	.276 .275	71 123	192 306	23 37	53 84	104 162	10 14	1 2	13 20	32 50	0	1	0	21	1	30 0	0 1	0	3	.542	.346
Vizcaino, Jose, Chi.#	3	.262 .262	93 137	145 206	7 12	38 54	43 62	5 6	0 1	0 0	10 12	2	2	0	5	0	18 3	2 3	1	1	.297	.283
Walker, Chico, Chi.#	9	.257 .237	124 285	374 751	51 106	96 178	126 230	10 18	1 5	6 8	34 59	1	3	0	33	2	57 45	13 45	5	3	.337	.315
Walker, Larry, Mtl.*	3	.290 .262	137 290	487 953	59 122	141 250	223 413	30 48	2 5	16 35	64 119	1	4	5	42	2	102 36	14 36	9	7	.458	.349
Wallach, Tim, Mtl.	12	.225 .263	151 1617	577 5992	60 684	130 1574	193 2550	22 331	1 30	13 195	73 846	0	4	6	50	8	100 48	2 48	4	12	.334	.292
Walton, Jerome, Chi.	3	.219 .265	123 340	270 1137	42 169	59 301	89 401	13 52	1 6	5 12	17 84	3	3	3	19	0	55 45	7 45	3	7	.330	.275
Webster, Mitch, Pitt.-L.A.#	9	.222 .289	94 906	171 2845	21 423	38 755	62 1147	8 127	5 47	2 57	19 278	1	0	0	18	1	52 144	0 144	1	3	.363	.296
Wilkerson, Curtis, Pitt.#	9	.188 .245	85 849	191 2128	20 244	36 522	53 652	9 68	1 22	2 6	18 150	0	4	0	15	0	40 61	2 61	1	2	.277	.243
Wilkins, Rick, Chi.*	1	.222 .222	86 86	203 203	21 21	45 45	72 72	9 9	0 0	6 6	22 22	7	0	6	19	2	56 3	3 3	3	3	.355	.307
Williams, Matt, S.F.	5	.268 .245	157 536	589 1899	72 235	158 466	294 875	24 84	5 11	34 101	98 310	0	7	6	33	6	128 17	5 17	5	11	.499	.310
Wilson, Craig, St.L.	3	.171 .217	60 121	82 207	5 19	14 45	16 49	2 4	0 0	0 0	13 21	0	2	0	6	2	10 0	0 0	0	2	.195	.222
Winningham, Herm, Cin.*	8	.225 .240	98 763	169 1654	17 185	38 397	49 562	6 61	1 25	1 18	4 133	2	0	0	11	1	40 99	4 99	4	2	.290	.272
Yelding, Eric, Hou.	3	.243 .249	78 290	276 877	19 107	67 218	83 258	11 22	1 6	1 2	20 57	3	1	0	13	3	46 86	11 86	9	4	.301	.276
Young, Gerald, Hou.#	5	.218 .249	108 531	142 1679	26 235	31 418	39 513	3 54	1 16	1 3	11 105	1	2	0	24	0	17 147	16 147	5	3	.275	.327
Zeile, Todd, St.L.	3	.280 .263	155 327	565 1142	76 145	158 300	233 459	36 64	3 7	11 27	81 146	0	6	5	62	3	94 19	17 19	11	15	.412	.353

CLUB PITCHING

Club	ERA	G	CG	ShO	Rel.	Sv.	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WP	Bk.	Opp. Avg.
Los Angeles	3.06	162	15	14	367	40	1458.0	1312	565	496	96	28	500	77	1028	48	12	.241
Pittsburgh	3.44	162	18	11	353	51	1456.2	1411	632	557	117	30	401	34	919	40	12	.256
Atlanta	3.49	162	18	7	345	48	1452.2	1304	644	563	118	28	481	39	969	66	13	.240
New York	3.56	161	12	11	314	39	1437.1	1403	646	568	108	25	410	41	1028	59	14	.257
San Diego	3.57	162	14	11	334	47	1452.2	1385	646	577	139	13	457	56	921	49	13	.252
Montreal	3.64	161	12	14	367	39	1440.1	1304	655	583	111	32	584	42	909	51	9	.244
St. Louis	3.69	162	9	5	369	51	1435.1	1367	648	588	114	47	454	52	822	33	7	.255
Cincinnati	3.83	162	7	11	354	43	1440.0	1372	691	613	127	28	560	41	997	60	9	.253
Philadelphia	3.86	162	16	11	321	35	1463.0	1346	680	628	111	43	670	58	988	81	6	.246
Houston	4.00	162	7	13	365	36	1453.0	1347	717	646	129	29	651	62	1033	46	17	.247
San Francisco	4.03	162	10	10	334	45	1442.0	1397	697	646	143	36	544	60	905	44	14	.257
Chicago	4.03	160	12	4	360	40	1456.2	1415	734	653	117	28	542	64	927	48	12	.257

INDIVIDUAL PITCHING

* Throws left-handed

20 or more innings

LIFETIME STATISTICS INCLUDED

Pitcher, Club	Yrs.	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	ShO	GF	Sv.	IP	H	BF	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WP	Bk.	Opp. Avg.
Agosto, Juan, St.L.*	11	5	3	4.81	72	0	0	0	22	2	86.0	92	377	52	46	4	8	39	4	34	6	0	.291
Akerfelds, Darrel, Phil.	5	2	1	5.26	30	0	0	0	11	0	49.2	49	229	30	29	5	3	27	4	31	4	0	.257
Andersen, Larry, S.D.	14	3	4	2.30	38	0	0	0	24	13	47.0	39	188	13	12	0	0	13	3	40	1	0	.232
Armstrong, Jack, Cin.	4	7	13	5.48	27	24	1	0	1	0	139.2	158	611	90	85	25	2	54	2	93	2	1	.293
Ashby, Andy, Phil.	1	1	5	6.00	8	8	0	0	0	0	42.0	41	186	28	28	5	3	19	0	26	6	0	.256
Assenmacher, Paul, Chi.*	6	7	8	3.24	75	0	0	0	31	15	102.2	85	427	41	37	10	3	31	6	117	4	0	.223
Avery, Steve, Atl.*	2	18	8	3.38	35	35	3	1	0	0	210.1	189	868	89	79	21	3	65	0	137	4	1	.240
Barnes, Brian, Mon.*	2	5	8	4.22	28	27	1	0	0	0	160.0	135	684	82	75	16	6	84	2	117	5	1	.233
Beck, Rod, S.F.	1	1	1	3.78	31	0	0	0	10	1	52.1	53	214	22	22	4	1	13	2	38	0	0	.273
Belcher, Tim, L.A.	5	10	9	2.62	33	33	2	1	0	0	209.1	189	880	76	61	10	2	75	3	156	7	0	.240
Belinda, Stan, Pitt.	3	7	5	3.45	60	0	0	0	37	16	78.1	50	318	30	30	10	4	35	4	71	2	0	.184
Benes, Andy, S.D.	3	15	11	3.03	33	33	4	1	0	0	223.0	194	908	76	75	23	4	59	7	167	3	4	.232
Berenguer, Juan, Atl.	14	0	3	2.24	49	0	0	0	35	17	64.1	43	255	18	16	5	3	20	2	53	0	0	.189
Bielecki, Mike, Chi.-Atl.	8	13	11	4.46	41	25	0	0	9	0	173.2	171	727	91	86	18	2	56	6	75	6	0	.262
Black, Bud, S.F.*	11	12	16	3.99	34	34	3	3	0	0	214.1	201	893	104	95	25	4	71	8	104	6	6	.251
Boever, Joe, Phil.	7	3	5	3.84	68	0	0	0	27	0	98.1	90	431	45	42	10	0	54	11	89	6	1	.245
Bones, Ricky, S.D.	1	4	6	4.83	11	11	0	0	0	0	54.0	57	234	33	29	3	0	18	0	31	4	0	.269
Boskie, Shawn, Chi.	2	4	9	5.23	28	20	0	0	2	0	129.0	150	582	78	75	14	5	52	4	62	1	1	.294
Bowen, Ryan, Hou.	1	6	4	5.15	14	13	0	0	0	0	71.2	73	319	43	41	4	3	36	1	49	8	1	.268
Boyd, Dennis, Mtl.	10	6	8	3.52	19	19	1	1	0	0	120.1	115	496	49	47	9	0	40	2	82	2	3	.256
Brantley, Cliff, Phil.	1	2	2	3.41	6	5	0	0	0	0	31.2	26	140	12	12	0	2	19	0	25	2	0	.228
Brantley, Jeff, S.F.	4	5	2	2.45	67	0	0	0	39	15	95.1	78	411	27	26	8	5	52	10	81	6	0	.225
Browning, Tom, Cin.*	8	14	14	4.18	36	36	1	0	0	0	230.1	241	983	124	107	32	4	56	4	115	3	1	.266
Burke, Tim, Mtl.-N.Y.	7	6	7	3.36	72	0	0	0	31	6	101.2	96	421	46	38	8	4	26	8	59	3	0	.249
Burkett, John, S.F.	3	12	11	4.18	36	34	3	1	0	0	206.2	223	890	103	96	19	10	60	2	131	5	0	.277
Candelaria, John, L.A.*	17	1	1	3.74	59	0	0	0	10	2	33.2	31	138	16	14	3	0	11	2	38	1	1	.252
Capel, Mike, Hou.	3	1	3	3.03	25	0	0	0	13	3	32.2	33	143	14	11	3	0	15	1	23	0	0	.266
Carman, Don, Cin.*	9	0	2	5.25	28	0	0	0	10	1	36.0	40	164	23	21	8	1	19	1	15	2	0	.286

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Pitcher, Club	Yrs.	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	ShO	GF	Sv.	IP	H	BF	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WP	Bk.	Opp. Avg.
Carpenter, Cris, St.L.	4	10	4	4.23	59	0	0	0	19	0	66.0	53	266	31	31	6	0	20	9	47	1	0	.220
		16	11	3.99	107					0	189.2	184		92	84			57		112			
Castillo, Frank, Chi.	1	6	7	4.35	18	18	4	0	0	0	111.2	107	467	56	54	5	0	33	2	73	5	1	.252
		6	7	4.35	18					0	111.2	107		56	54			33		73			
Castillo, Tony, Atl.-N.Y.*	4	2	1	3.34	17	3	0	0	6	0	32.1	40	148	16	12	4	0	11	1	18	0	0	.299
		9	4	4.17	112					2	151.0	174		81	70			47		111			
Charlton, Norm, Cin.*	3	3	5	2.91	39	11	0	0	10	1	108.1	92	438	37	35	6	6	34	4	77	11	0	.236
		27	22	3.01	174					3	419.1	350		155	140			164		331			
Clancy, Jim, Hou.-Atl.	15	3	5	3.91	54	0	0	0	22	8	89.2	73	368	42	39	8	1	34	4	50	10	0	.223
		140	167	4.22	472					10	2518.2	2513		1304	1182			947		1422			
Clark, Mark, StL.	1	1	1	4.03	7	2	0	0	1	0	22.1	17	93	10	10	3	0	11	0	13	2	0	.215
		1	1	4.03	7					0	22.1	17		10	10			11		13			
Combs, Pat, Phil.*	3	2	6	4.90	14	13	1	0	0	0	64.1	64	300	41	35	7	2	43	1	41	7	0	.254
		16	16	3.99	52					0	286.1	279		141	127			135		179			
Cone, David, N.Y.	6	14	14	3.29	34	34	5	2	0	0	232.2	204	966	95	85	13	5	73	2	241	17	1	.235
		67	41	3.18	166					1	1017.1	858		398	359			349		966			
Cormier, Rheal, StL.*	1	4	5	4.12	11	10	2	0	1	0	67.2	74	281	35	31	5	2	8	1	38	2	1	.277
		4	5	4.12	11					0	67.2	74		35	31			8		38			
Corsi, Jim, Hou.	3	0	5	3.71	47	0	0	0	15	0	77.2	76	322	37	32	6	0	23	5	53	1	1	.259
		1	8	3.21	80					0	137.1	122		55	49			39		84			
Costello, John, S.D.	4	1	0	3.09	27	0	0	0	6	0	35.0	37	157	15	12	2	0	17	3	24	2	0	.276
		11	6	2.97	119					4	157.2	141		62	52			64		104			
Cox, Danny, Phi.	8	4	6	4.57	23	17	0	0	2	0	102.1	98	433	57	52	14	1	39	2	46	7	1	.258
		60	62	3.51	175					0	1088.0	1089		491	424			336		539			
Crews, Tim, L.A.	5	2	3	3.43	60	0	0	0	17	6	76.0	75	318	30	29	7	0	19	11	53	3	1	.256
		11	10	3.05	232					15	345.2	349		135	117			90		250			
Darling, Ron, N.Y.-Mtl.	9	5	8	4.37	20	20	0	0	0	0	119.1	121	508	66	58	15	7	33	1	69	13	4	.265
		99	74	3.58	263					0	1654.0	1523		748	658			624		1170			
DeJesus, Jose, Phil.	4	10	9	3.42	31	29	3	0	1	1	181.2	147	801	74	69	7	4	128	4	118	10	0	.224
		17	18	3.77	58					1	322.1	257		151	135			214		209			
DeLeon, Jose, St.L.	9	5	9	2.71	28	28	1	0	0	0	162.2	144	679	57	49	15	6	61	1	118	1	1	.239
		73	105	3.68	261					4	1579.2	1286		711	646			697		1343			
Deshaies, Jim, Hou.*	8	5	12	4.98	28	28	1	0	0	0	161.0	156	686	90	89	19	1	72	5	98	0	5	.259
		61	60	3.72	183					0	1109.0	974		488	458			430		736			
Dibble, Rob, Cin.	4	3	5	3.17	67	0	0	0	57	31	82.1	67	334	32	29	5	0	25	2	124	5	0	.223
		22	14	2.21	246					44	338.2	234		89	83			119		460			
Downs, Kelly, S.F.	6	10	4	4.19	45	11	0	0	4	0	111.2	99	479	59	52	12	3	53	9	62	4	1	.239
		46	36	3.65	158					1	699.2	640		311	284			243		461			
Drabek, Doug, Pitt.	6	15	14	3.07	35	35	5	2	0	0	234.2	245	977	92	80	16	3	62	6	132	5	0	.274
		84	59	3.18	192					0	1237.2	1135		486	438			333		719			
Fassero, Jeff, Mtl.*	1	2	5	2.44	51	0	0	0	30	8	55.1	39	223	17	15	1	1	17	1	42	4	0	.196
		2	5	2.44	51					8	55.1	39		17	15			17		42			
Fernandez, Sid, N.Y.*	9	1	3	2.86	8	8	0	0	0	0	44.0	36	177	18	14	4	0	9	0	31	0	0	.222
		79	62	3.25	207					1	1256.1	930		496	453			500		1184			
Franco, John, N.Y.*	8	5	9	2.93	52	0	0	0	48	30	55.1	61	247	27	18	2	1	18	4	45	6	0	2.71
		52	42	2.53	500					211	651.0	587		223	183			249		468			
Fraser, Willie, St.L.	6	3	3	4.93	35	0	0	0	16	0	49.1	44	210	28	27	9	3	21	3	25	4	0	.242
		34	39	4.39	208					5	619.0	595		328	302			223		309			
Freeman, Marvin, Atl.	5	1	0	3.00	34	0	0	0	6	1	48.0	37	190	19	16	2	2	13	1	34	4	0	.214
		6	5	4.32	74					2	166.2	141		85	80			88		117			
Frey, Steve, Mtl.*	3	0	1	4.99	31	0	0	0	5	1	39.2	43	182	31	22	3	1	23	4	21	3	1	.281
		11	5	3.70	102					10	116.2	116		61	48			63		65			
Gardner, Chris, Hou.	1	1	2	4.01	5	4	0	0	0	0	24.2	19	103	12	11	5	0	14	1	12	0	0	.218
		1	2	4.01	5					0	24.2	19		12	11			14		12			
Gardner, Mark, Mtl.	3	9	11	3.85	27	27	0	0	0	0	168.1	139	692	78	72	17	4	75	1	107	2	1	.230
		16	23	3.76	61					0	347.1	294		156	145			147		263			
Gardner, Wes, S.D.	8	0	1	7.08	14	0	0	0	2	1	20.1	27	99	16	16	1	0	12	1	9	1	0	.310
		18	30	4.94	186					14	460.2	471		273	253			216		355			
Glavine, Tom, Atl.*	5	20	11	2.55	34	34	9	1	0	0	246.2	201	989	83	70	17	2	69	6	192	10	2	.222
		53	52	3.81	139					0	892.2	861		427	378			283		515			
Gooden, Dwight, N.Y.	8	13	7	3.60	27	27	3	1	0	0	190.0	185	789	80	76	12	3	56	2	150	5	2	.257
		132	53	2.91	238					1	1713.2	1467		609	554			505		1541			
Gott, Jim, L.A.	10	4	3	2.96	55	0	0	0	26	2	76.0	63	322	28	25	5	1	32	7	73	6	3	.223
		42	56	3.98	362					55	886.2	854		446	392			376		647			
Greene, Tommy, Phil.	3	13	7	3.38	36	27	3	2	3	0	207.2	177	857	85	78	19	3	66	4	154	9	1	.230
		17	12	3.75																			

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Haney, Chris, Mtl. *	1	3	7	4.04	16	16	0	0	0	0	84.2	94	387	49	38	6	1	43	1	51	9	0	.280
		3	7	4.04	16						84.2	94		49	39			43		51			
Harnisch, Pete, Hou.	4	12	9	2.70	33	33	4	2	0	0	216.2	169	900	71	65	14	5	83	3	172	5	2	.212
		28	31	3.74	84						521.2	468		230	217			242		374			
Harris, Greg, S.D.	4	9	5	2.23	20	20	3	2	0	0	133.0	116	537	42	33	16	1	27	6	95	2	0	.233
		27	22	2.34	152					15	403.1	327		123	105			131		313			
Hartley, Mike, L.A.-Phil.	3	4	1	4.21	58	0	0	0	16	2	83.1	74	368	40	39	11	6	47	8	63	10	2	.237
		10	5	3.52	95					3	168.2	134		73	66			77		143			
Heaton, Neal, Pitt. *	10	3	3	4.33	42	1	0	0	5	0	68.2	72	293	37	33	6	4	21	2	34	0	1	.275
		76	95	4.35	332					10	1438.0	1512		764	695			490		653			
Henry, Dwayne, Hou.	8	3	2	3.19	52	00	0	0	25	2	67.2	51	282	25	24	7	2	39	7	51	5	0	.219
		8	10	4.61	152					7	183.2	166		99	94			123		157			
Heredia, Gil, S.F.	1	0	2	3.82	7	4	0	0	1	0	33.0	27	126	14	14	4	0	7	2	13	1	0	.233
		0	2	3.82	7					0	33.0	27		14	14			7		13			
Hernandez, Xavier, Hou.	3	2	7	4.71	32	6	0	0	8	3	63.0	66	285	34	33	6	0	32	7	55	0	0	.263
		5	8	4.68	73					3	148.0	151		83	77			64		86			
Hershiser, Orel, L.A.	9	7	2	3.46	21	21	0	0	0	0	112.0	112	473	43	43	3	5	32	6	73	2	4	.259
		106	67	2.77	256					5	1594.1	1378		563	490			470		1100			
Hickerson, Bryan, S.F. *	1	2	2	3.60	17	6	0	0	4	0	50.0	53	212	20	20	3	0	17	3	43	2	0	.275
		2	2	3.60	17					0	50.0	53		20	20			17		43			
Hill, Ken, St.L.	4	11	10	3.57	30	30	0	0	0	0	181.1	147	743	76	72	15	6	67	4	121	7	1	.224
		23	32	4.03	84					0	470.2	428		226	211			205		297			
Hill, Milt, Cin.	1	1	1	3.78	22	0	0	0	8	0	33.1	36	137	14	14	1	0	8	2	20	1	0	.295
		1	1	3.78	22					0	33.1	36		14	14			8		20			
Howell, Jay, L.A.	12	6	5	3.18	44	0	0	0	35	16	51.0	39	202	19	18	3	1	11	3	40	0	0	.213
		50	46	3.41	433				149		696.0	649		281	264			241		571			
Hurst, Bruce, S.D. *	12	15	8	3.29	31	31	4	0	0	0	221.2	201	909	89	81	17	3	59	3	141	5	1	.241
		129	101	3.84	334					0	2149.1	2172		1005	918			667		1525			
Innis, Jeff, N.Y.	5	0	2	2.66	69	0	0	0	29	0	84.2	66	336	30	25	2	0	23	6	47	4	0	.219
		2	8	2.58	145					1	195.1	171		68	56			47		117			
Jackson, Danny, Chi. *	9	1	5	6.75	17	14	0	0	0	0	70.2	89	347	59	53	8	1	48	4	31	1	1	.309
		73	79	3.83	213					1	1277.0	1251		622	543			521		768			
Jones, Barry, Mtl.	6	4	9	3.35	77	0	0	0	46	13	88.2	76	353	35	33	8	1	33	8	46	1	1	.246
		26	26	3.16	281					22	356.0	316		145	125			156		213			
Jones, Jimmie, Hou.	6	6	8	4.39	26	22	1	1	0	0	135.1	143	593	73	66	9	3	51	3	88	4	0	.270
		29	32	4.42	116					0	576.0	627		333	283			191		286			
Kile, Darryl, Hou.	1	7	11	3.69	37	22	0	0	5	0	153.2	144	689	81	63	16	6	84	4	100	5	4	.246
		7	11	3.69	37					0	153.2	144		81	63			84		100			
Kipper, Bob, Pitt. *	7	2	2	4.65	52	0	0	0	18	4	60.0	66	264	34	31	7	0	22	3	38	0	1	.276
		24	34	4.33	246					11	523.1	487		278	252			203		347			
LaCoss, Mike, S.F.	14	1	5	7.23	18	5	0	0	6	0	47.1	61	225	39	38	4	2	24	0	30	2	0	.314
		98	103	4.02	415					12	1739.2	1786		885	777			725		783			
Lancaster, Les, Chi.	5	9	7	3.52	64	11	1	0	21	3	156.0	150	653	68	61	13	4	49	7	102	2	2	.256
		34	23	3.82	232					22	555.2	558		255	236			189		337			
Landrum, Bill, Pitt.	6	4	4	3.18	61	0	0	0	43	17	76.1	76	322	32	27	4	0	19	5	45	3	2	.252
		17	12	3.12	232					58	319.2	315		126	111			109		197			
Layana, Tim, Cin.	2	0	2	6.97	22	0	0	0	9	0	20.2	23	95	18	16	1	0	11	0	14	3	0	.277
		5	5	4.20	77					2	100.2	94		51	47			55		67			
Lefferts, Craig, S.D. *	9	1	6	3.91	54	0	0	0	40	23	69.0	74	290	35	30	5	1	14	3	48	3	1	.285
		40	50	3.03	582					100	831.1	742		318	280			241		530			
Leibrandt, Charlie, Atl. *	12	15	13	3.49	36	36	1	1	0	0	229.2	212	949	105	89	18	4	56	3	128	5	3	.245
		116	102	3.68	336					2	1964.2	2030		906	804			569		928			
Maddux, Greg, Chi.	6	15	11	3.35	37	37	7	2	0	0	263.0	232	1070	113	98	18	6	66	9	198	6	3	.237
		75	64	3.61	177					0	1174.0	1151		547	471			385		738			
Maddux, Mike, S.D.	6	7	2	2.46	64	1	0	0	27	5	98.2	78	388	30	27	4	1	27	3	57	5	0	.221
		17	16	4.05	139					6	346.2	350		176	156			118		212			
Mahler, Rick, Mtl.-Atl.	13	2	4	4.50	23	8	0	0	2	0	66.0	70	291	37	33	4	2	28	1	27	1	0	.275
		96	111	3.99	392					6	1951.1	2069		972	866			606		952			
Mallicoate, Rob, Hou. *	2	0	2	3.86	24	0	0	0	4	1	23.1	22	103	10	10	2	2	13	1	18	1	0	.259
		0	2	4.50	28					1	30.0	30		15	15			19		22			
Martinez, Dennis, Mtl.	16	14	11	2.39	31	31	9	5	0	0	222.0	187	905	70	59	9	4	62	3	123	3	0	.226
		177	145	3.71	491					5	2933.1	2879		1342	1209			866		1546			
Martinez, Ramon, L.A.	4	17	13	3.27	33	33	6	4	0	0	220.1	190	916	89	80	18	7	69	4	150	6	0	.229
		44	26	3.15	90					0	589.0	487		234	206			199		485			
Mason, Roger, Pitt.	6	3	2	3.03	24	0	0	0	6	3	29.2	21	114	11	10	2	1	6	1	21	2	0	.200
		9	11	4.06	52					4	168.2	160		88	76			69		126			
McClellan, Paul, S.F.	2	3	6	4.56	13	12	1	0	1	0	71.0	68	300	41	36	12	1	25	1	44	5	0	.252
		3	7	5.26	17					0	78.2	82		51	46			28		50			
McClure, Bob, St.L. *	17	1	1	3.13	32	0	0	0	9	0	23.0	24	98	8	8	1	1	8	2	15	0	0	.282
		65	54	3.82	613					52	1098.1	1060		525	466			467		671			
McDowell, Roger, Phil.-L.A.	7	9	9	2.93	71	0	0	0	34	10	101.1	100	445	40	33	4	2	48	20	50	2	0	.262
		51	49	3.03	467					135	712.2	661		280	240			259		349			
McElroy, Chuck, Chi. *	3	6	2	1.95	71	0	0	0	12	3	101.1	73	419	33	22	7	0	57	7	92	1	0	.210
		6	3	2.58	98					3	125.2	109		48	36			71		116			
Melendez, Jose, S.D.	2	8	5	3.27	31	9	0	0	10	3	93.2	77	381	35	34	11	1	24	3	60	3	2	.221
		8	5	3.73	34					3	99.0	85		43	41			27		67			

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Mercker, Kent, Atl. *	3	5	3	2.58	50	4	0	0	28	6	73.1	56	306	23	21	5	1	35	3	62	4	1	.211
		9	10	3.14	88					13	126.0	107		51	44			65		105			
Minutelli, Gino, Cin. *	2	0	2	6.04	16	3	0	0	2	0	25.1	30	124	17	17	5	0	18	1	21	3	0	.288
		0	2	6.15	18					0	26.1	30		18	18			20		21			
Morgan, Mike, L.A.	11	14	10	2.78	34	33	5	1	1	1	236.1	197	949	85	73	12	3	61	10	140	6	0	.226
		67	104	4.10	264					3	1385.1	1448		700	631			467		660			
Moyer, Jamie, St.L. *	6	0	5	5.74	8	7	0	0	1	0	31.1	38	142	21	20	5	1	16	0	20	2	1	.319
		34	54	4.56	141					0	700.0	766		394	355			282		435			
Mulholland, Terry, Phil. *	5	16	13	3.61	34	34	8	3	0	0	232.0	231	956	100	93	15	3	49	2	142	3	0	.260
		32	38	3.89	116					0	628.2	641		297	272			169		328			
Myers, Randy, Cin. *	7	6	13	3.55	58	12	1	0	18	6	132.0	116	575	61	52	8	1	80	5	108	2	1	.242
		27	32	2.84	309					93	458.2	354		164	145			215		470			
Nabholz, Chris, Mtl. *	2	8	7	3.63	24	24	1	0	0	0	153.2	134	631	66	62	5	2	57	4	99	3	1	.237
		14	9	3.38	35					0	223.2	177		89	84			89		152			
Nolte, Eric, S.D. *	4	3	2	11.05	6	6	0	0	0	0	22.0	37	111	27	27	6	0	10	0	15	1	1	.378
		5	8	5.63	26					0	104.0	115		70	65			58		69			
Ojeda, Bob, L.A. *	12	12	9	3.18	31	31	2	1	0	0	189.1	181	802	78	67	15	3	70	9	120	4	2	.257
		107	88	3.60	311					1	1671.2	1605		746	668			568		1004			
Olivares, Omar, St.L.	2	11	7	3.71	28	24	0	0	2	1	167.1	148	688	72	69	13	5	61	1	91	3	1	.243
		12	8	3.54	37					1	216.2	193		89	85			78		111			
Oliveras, Francisco, S.F.	3	6	6	3.86	55	1	0	0	17	3	79.1	69	316	36	34	12	1	22	4	48	2	2	.242
		11	12	3.73	100					5	190.2	180		86	79			58		113			
Osuna, Al, Hou. *	2	7	6	3.42	71	0	0	0	32	12	81.2	59	353	39	31	5	3	46	5	68	3	1	.201
		9	6	3.58	83					12	93.0	69		45	37			52		74			
Palacios, Vicente, Pitt.	4	6	3	3.75	36	7	1	1	8	3	81.2	69	347	34	34	12	1	38	2	64	6	2	.228
		9	6	3.95	56					6	150.1	128		66	66			64		100			
Parrett, Jeff, Atl.	6	1	2	6.33	18	0	0	0	9	1	21.1	31	109	18	15	2	0	12	2	14	4	0	.326
		37	29	3.80	275					21	409.2	378		196	173			199		337			
Patterson, Bob, Pitt. *	5	4	3	4.11	54	1	0	0	19	2	65.2	67	270	32	30	7	0	15	1	57	0	0	.267
		19	18	4.53	150					8	270.1	289		143	136			74		195			
Pena, Alejandro, N.Y.-Atl.	11	8	1	2.40	59	0	0	0	36	15	82.1	74	331	23	22	6	0	22	4	62	1	2	.245
		49	42	2.90	392					51	927.1	838		355	299			288		709			
Peterson, Adam, S.D.	5	3	4	4.45	13	11	0	0	0	0	54.2	50	241	33	27	10	0	28	2	37	7	1	.242
		5	11	5.46	39					0	155.0	167		103	94			65		75			
Petry, Dan, Atl.	13	0	0	5.55	10	0	0	0	4	0	24.1	29	116	17	15	2	1	14	1	9	2	0	.296
		123	101	3.91	340					0	2003.2	1897		973	871			821		1033			
Piatt, Doug, Mtl.	1	0	0	2.60	21	0	0	0	3	0	34.2	29	145	11	10	3	0	17	0	29	1	0	.230
		0	0	2.60	21					0	34.2	29		11	10			17		29			
Portugal, Mark, Hou.	7	11	12	4.49	32	27	1	0	3	1	168.1	163	710	91	84	19	2	59	5	120	4	1	.256
		39	42	4.20	156					5	711.2	695		357	332			268		480			
Power, Ted, Cin.	10	5	3	3.62	68	0	0	0	22	3	87.0	87	371	37	35	6	2	31	5	51	6	1	.265
		63	62	4.08	455					51	1015.0	1014		507	460			400		623			
Rasmussen, Dennis, S.D. *	9	6	13	3.74	24	24	1	1	0	0	146.2	155	633	74	61	12	2	49	3	75	1	1	.271
		86	73	4.09	234					0	1379.0	1339		699	627			492		805			
Remlinger, Mike, S.F. *	1	2	1	4.37	8	6	1	1	1	0	35.0	36	155	17	17	5	0	20	1	19	2	1	.271
		2	1	4.37	8					0	35.0	36		17	17			20		19			
Reynoso, Armando, Atl.	1	2	1	6.17	6	5	0	0	1	0	23.1	26	103	18	16	4	3	10	1	10	2	0	.299
		2	1	6.17	6					0	23.1	26		18	16			10		10			
Righetti, Dave, S.F. *	12	2	7	3.39	61	0	0	0	49	24	71.2	64	304	29	27	4	3	28	6	51	1	1	.240
		76	68	3.13	583					248	1207.2	1063		477	420			501		991			
Rijo, Jose, Cin.	8	15	6	2.51	30	30	3	1	0	0	204.1	165	825	69	57	8	3	55	4	172	2	4	.219
		68	58	3.39	223					3	1076.1	946		469	406			454		925			
Ritchie, Wally, Phil. *	1	1	2	2.50	39	0	0	0	13	0	50.1	44	213	17	14	4	2	17	5	26	1	0	.234
		1	2	2.50	39					0	50.1	44		17	14			17		26			
Robinson, Don, S.F.	14	5	9	4.38	34	16	0	0	7	1	121.1	123	525	64	59	12	1	50	7	78	1	0	.265
		107	102	3.75	513					57	1897.2	1831		871	790			636		1225			
Rodriguez, Rich, S.D. *	2	3	1	3.26	64	1	0	0	19	0	80.0	66	335	31	29	8	0	44	8	40	4	1	.234
		4	2	3.10	96					1	127.2	118		48	44			60		62			
Rojas, Mel, Mtl.	2	3	3	3.75	37	0	0	0	13	6	48.0	42	200	21	20	4	1	13	1	37	3	0	.228
		6	4	3.68	60					7	88.0	76		38	36			37		63			
Ruffin, Bruce, Phil. *	6	4	7	3.78	31	15	1	1	2	0	119.0	125	508	52	50	6	1	38	3	85	4	0	.272
		42	58	4.16	198					3	889.0	980		477	411			359		479			
Ruskin, Scott, Mtl. *	2	4	4	4.24	64	0	0	0	24	6	63.2	57	275	31	30	4	3	30	2	46	5	0	.241
		7	6	3.43	131					8	139.0	132		59	53			68		103			
Sampen, Bill, Mtl.	2	9	5	4.00	43	8	0	0	8	0	92.1	96	409	49	41	13	3	46	7	52	3	1	.273
		21	12	3.50	102					2	182.2	190		83	71			79		121			
Sanford, Mo, Cin.	1	1	2	3.86	5	5	0	0	0	0	28.0	19	118	14	12	3	1	15	1	31	4	0	.186
		1	2	3.86	5					0	28.0	19		14	12			15		31			
Scanlan, Bob, Chi.	1	7	8	3.89	40	13	0	0	16	1	111.0	114	482	60	48	5	3	40	3	44	5	1	.269
		7	8	3.89	40					1	111.0	114		60	48			40		44			
Schilling, Curt, Hou.	4	3	5	3.81	56	0	0	0	34	8	75.2	79	336	35	32	2	0	39	7	71	4	1	.271
		4	11	4.16	100					11	145.0	149		73	67			71		113			
Schourek, Pete, N.Y. *	1	5	4	4.27	35	8	1	1	7	2	86.1	82	385	49	41	7	2	43	4	67	1	0	.248
		5	4	4.27	35					2	86.1	82		49	41			43		67			

Pitcher, Club	Yrs.	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	ShO	GF	Sv.	IP	H	BF	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WP	Bk.	Opp. Avg.
Scudder, Scott, Cin.	3	6	9	4.35	27	14	0	0	4	1	101.1	91	443	52	49	6	6	56	4	51	7	0	.246
		15	23	4.54	71					1	273.1	256		147	138			147		159			
Searcy, Steve, Phil.*	4	2	1	4.15	18	0	0	0	4	0	30.1	29	134	16	14	2	0	14	1	21	1	1	.252
		6	13	5.65	60					0	176.2	192		122	111			111		133			
Simons, Doug, N.Y.*	1	2	3	5.19	42	1	0	0	11	1	60.2	55	258	40	35	5	2	19	5	38	3	0	.246
		2	3	5.19	42					1	60.2	55		40	35			19		38			
Slocumb, Heathcliff, Chi.	1	2	1	3.45	52	0	0	0	21	1	62.2	53	274	29	24	3	3	30	6	34	9	0	.231
		2	1	3.45	52					1	62.2	53		29	24			30		34			
Smiley, John, Pitt.*	6	20	8	3.08	33	32	2	1	0	0	207.2	194	836	78	71	17	3	44	0	129	3	1	.251
		60	42	3.57	196					4	854.0	787		375	339			229		534			
Smith, Bryn, St.L.	11	12	9	3.85	31	31	3	0	0	0	198.2	188	818	95	85	16	7	45	3	94	3	1	.251
		102	88	3.43	341					6	1740.1	1658		768	663			416		1010			
Smith, Dave, Chi.	12	0	6	6.00	35	0	0	0	28	17	33.0	39	151	22	22	6	1	19	5	16	1	1	.302
		53	53	2.70	598					216	795.1	685		276	236			279		545			
Smith, Lee, St.L.	12	6	3	2.34	67	0	0	0	61	47	73.0	70	300	19	19	5	0	13	5	67	1	0	.249
		61	65	2.84	717					312	992.1	857		347	313			376		990			
Smith, Pete, Atl.	5	1	3	5.06	14	10	0	0	2	0	48.0	48	211	33	27	5	0	22	3	29	1	4	.262
		19	40	4.37	93					0	494.0	491		271	240			205		335			
Smith, Zane, Pitt.*	8	16	10	3.20	35	35	6	3	0	0	228.0	234	916	95	81	15	2	29	3	120	1	0	.268
		67	78	3.58	258					3	1344.1	1335		636	535			464		772			
Smoltz, John, Atl.	4	14	13	3.80	36	36	5	0	0	0	229.2	206	947	101	97	16	3	77	1	148	20	2	.243
		42	42	3.72	111					0	733.0	646		329	303			272		523			
St. Claire, Randy, Atl.	7	0	0	4.08	19	0	0	0	5	0	28.2	31	123	17	13	4	0	9	3	30	4	0	.282
		12	6	3.99	150					9	234.2	231		115	104			83		151			
Stanton, Mike, Atl.*	3	5	5	2.88	74	0	0	0	20	7	78.0	62	314	27	25	6	1	21	6	54	0	0	.217
		5	9	3.55	101					16	109.9	95		47	43			33		88			
Sutcliffe, Rick, Chi.	15	6	5	4.10	19	18	0	0	0	0	96.2	96	422	52	44	4	0	45	2	52	2	2	.264
		139	110	3.84	376					6	2227.0	2106		1036	950			901		1464			
Terry, Scott, St.L.	6	4	4	2.80	65	0	0	0	13	1	80.1	76	339	31	25	1	0	32	14	52	0	0	.249
		24	28	3.73	236					8	499.1	491		234	207			176		262			
Tewksbury, Bob, St.L.	6	11	12	3.25	30	30	3	0	0	0	191.0	206	798	86	69	13	5	38	2	75	0	0	.281
		32	34	3.67	104					1	551.1	611		269	225			116		214			
Tomlin, Randy, Pitt.*	2	8	7	2.98	31	27	4	2	0	0	175.0	170	736	75	58	9	6	54	4	104	2	3	.254
		12	11	2.42	43					0	297.2	305		99	80			66		146			
Viola, Frank, N.Y.*	10	13	15	3.97	35	35	3	0	0	0	231.1	259	980	112	102	25	1	54	4	132	6	1	.286
		150	125	3.72	342					0	2339.0	2336		1072	968			662		16			
Walk, Bob, Pitt.	12	9	2	3.60	25	20	0	0	0	0	115.0	104	484	53	46	10	5	35	2	67	11	2	.240
		82	61	3.88	282					3	1344.0	1325		654	580			493		708			
Whitehurst, Wally, N.Y.	3	7	12	4.19	36	20	0	0	6	1	133.1	142	556	67	62	12	4	25	3	87	3	4	.274
		8	13	3.93	83					3	213.0	222		101	93			39		142			
Whitson, Ed, S.D.	14	4	6	5.03	13	12	2	0	0	0	78.2	93	337	47	44	13	0	17	3	40	1	1	.299
		126	123	3.79	452					8	2240.2	2240		1045	944			698		1266			
Williams, Mitch, Phil.*	6	12	5	2.34	69	0	0	0	60	30	88.1	56	386	24	23	4	8	62	5	84	4	1	.182
		35	36	3.33	436					114	511.0	367		213	189			384		486			
Wilson, Steve, Chi.-L.A.*	4	0	0	2.61	19	0	0	0	5	2	20.2	14	81	7	6	1	0	9	1	14	0	0	.197
		10	13	4.45	120					5	253.0	244		132	125			87		175			
Wilson, Trevor, S.F.*	4	13	11	3.56	44	29	2	1	6	0	202.0	173	841	87	80	13	5	77	4	139	5	3	.234
		23	23	3.81	89					0	373.2	313		173	158			158		242			
Young, Anthony, N.Y.	1	2	5	3.10	10	8	0	0	2	0	49.1	48	202	20	17	4	1	12	1	20	1	0	.257
		2	5	3.10						0	49.1	48		20	17			12		20			

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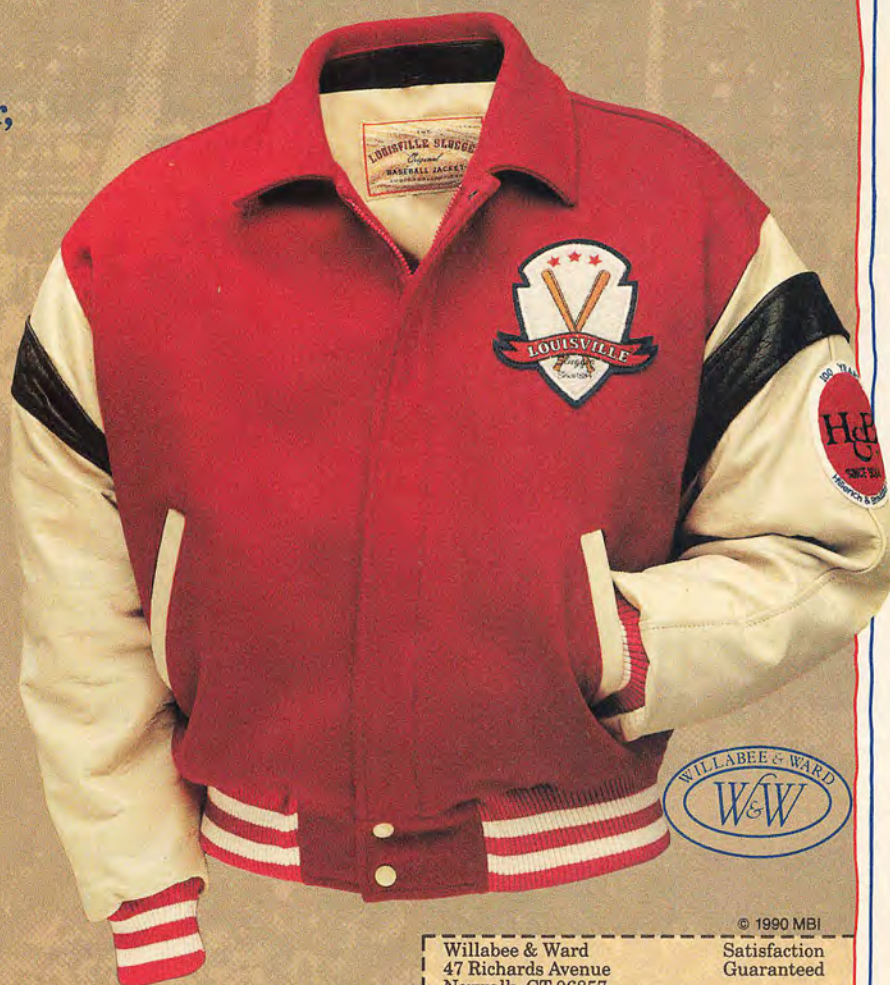
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Club	Pct.	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP	TP	PB
St. Louis	.982	162	4306	1689	107	6102	133	1	8
San Francisco	.982	162	4326	1753	109	6188	151	0	9
Chicago	.982	160	4370	1830	113	6313	120	0	19
San Diego	.982	162	4358	1731	113	6202	130	0	9
Pittsburgh	.981	162	4370	1846	120	6336	134	0	9
Philadelphia	.981	162	4389	1623	119	6131	111	1	9

Club	Pct.	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP	TP	PB
Los Angeles	.980	162	4374	1795	123	6292	126	0	8
Cincinnati	.979	162	4320	1615	125	6060	131	0	20
Montreal	.979	161	4321	1796	133	6250	128	1	22
Atlanta	.978	162	4358	1834	138	6330	122	0	14
New York	.977	161	4312	1766	143	6221	112	0	12
Houston	.974	162	4359	1617	161	6137	129	2	16

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* Throws left-handed

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FIRST BASEMEN

Leader, Club	Pct.	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
Clark, Will, S.F.* †	.997	144	1273	110	4	1387	115
Player, Club							
Bagwell, Jeff, Hou.	.991	155	1270	106	12	1388	97
Bream, Sid, Atl.*	.996	85	668	50	3	721	53
Galarraga, Andres, Mtl.	.991	105	887	80	9	976	68
Grace, Mark, Chi.*	.995	160	1520	167	8	1695	106
Guerrero, Pedro, St.L.	.985	112	953	66	16	1035	73
Hunter, Brian, Atl.*	.988	85	622	46	8	676	42
Jordan, Ricky, Phil.	.987	72	626	37	9	672	37
Kruk, John, Phil.*	.997	102	735	49	2	786	54
Magadan, Dave, N.Y.	.996	122	1035	90	5	1130	73
McGriff, Fred, S.D.*	.990	153	1370	87	14	1471	111
Merced, Orlando, Pitt.	.988	105	911	60	12	983	64
Morris, Hal, Cin.*	.992	128	979	100	9	1088	87
Murray, Eddie, L.A.	.995	149	1327	128	7	1462	96
Perry, Gerald, St.L.	.989	61	407	28	5	440	30

SECOND BASEMEN

Leader, Club	Pct.	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
Sandberg, Ryne, Chi. †	.995	157	267	515	4	786	66
Player, Club							
Candaele, Casey, Hou.	.982	109	197	301	9	507	52
DeShields, Delino, Mtl.	.962	148	285	405	27	717	72
Doran, Bill, Cin.	.981	88	153	208	7	368	47
Duncan, Mariano, Cin.	.974	62	116	144	7	267	29
Herr, Tommy, N.Y.-S.F.	1.000	72	114	148	0	262	33
Jefferies, Gregg, N.Y.	.982	77	144	177	6	327	15
Lemke, Mark, Atl.	.978	110	159	205	8	372	39
Lind, Jose, Pitt.	.989	149	349	438	9	796	79
Miller, Keith, N.Y.	.972	60	129	148	8	285	28
Morandini, Mickey, Phil.	.986	97	183	254	6	443	45
Oquendo, Jose, St.L.	.988	118	244	346	7	597	60
Pena, Geronimo, St.L.	.976	83	95	146	6	247	28
Ready, Randy, Phil.	.989	66	127	145	3	275	22
Roberts, Bip, S.D.	.978	68	128	185	7	320	35
Samuel, Juan, L.A.	.978	152	300	442	17	759	73
Teufel, Tim, N.Y.-S.D.	.987	66	102	124	3	229	22
Thompson, Robby, S.F.	.985	144	320	402	11	733	98
Treadway, Jeff, Atl.	.960	93	155	206	15	376	33

THIRD BASEMEN

Leader, Club	Pct.	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
Wallach, Tim, Mtl.	.968	149	107	310	14	431	27
Player, Club							
Bonilla, Bobby, Pitt.	.932	67	43	134	13	190	13
Caminiti, Ken, Hou.	.948	152	129	293	23	445	29
Coolbaugh, Scott, S.D.	.952	54	32	108	7	147	8
Harris, Lenny, L.A.	.943	113	77	155	14	246	16
Hayes, Charlie, Phil.	.958	138	85	237	14	336	25
Howell, Jack, S.D.	.985	54	33	98	2	133	7
Jefferies, Gregg, N.Y.	.916	51	26	94	11	131	6
Johnson, Howard, N.Y.	.927	104	55	173	18	246	11
Pendleton, Terry, Atl.	.950	148	108	349	24	481	31
Sabo, Chris, Cin.	.966	151	86	255	12	353	24
Salazar, Luis, Chi.	.956	86	46	151	9	206	5
Sharperson, Mike, L.A.	.981	68	30	71	2	103	5
Teufel, Tim, N.Y.-S.D.	.947	53	29	79	6	114	4

Leader, Club	Pct.	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
Vizcaino, Jose, Chi.	.947	57	10	26	2	38	1
Walker, Chico, Chi.	.929	57	22	69	7	98	7
Williams, Matt, S.F. †	.964	155	131	293	16	440	30
Zeile, Todd, St.L.	.943	154	124	290	25	439	18

SHORTSTOPS

Leader, Club	Pct.	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
Smith, Ozzie, St.L. †	.987	150	244	387	8	639	79
Player, Club							
Anderson, Dave, S.F.	.956	63	68	107	8	183	25
Bell, Jay, Pitt.	.968	156	239	491	24	754	78
Belliard, Rafael, Atl.	.967	145	168	361	18	547	53
Benjamin, Mike, S.F.	.984	51	64	123	3	190	23
Blauser, Jeff, Atl.	.948	85	75	125	11	211	21
Cedeno, Andujar, Hou.	.930	66	88	151	18	257	36
Dunston, Shawon, Chi.	.968	142	261	383	21	665	69
Elster, Kevin, N.Y.	.970	107	149	299	14	462	39
Fernandez, Tony, S.D.	.972	145	247	440	20	707	78
Griffin, Alfredo, L.A.	.961	109	186	349	22	557	45
Larkin, Barry, Cin.	.976	119	226	372	15	613	65
Offerman, Jose, L.A.	.945	50	50	121	10	181	17
Owen, Spike, Mtl.	.986	133	189	376	8	573	64
Thon, Dickie, Phil.	.969	146	234	412	21	667	65
Uribe, Jose, S.F.	.966	87	98	218	11	327	35
Yelding, Eric, Hou.	.939	72	113	166	18	297	31

OUTFIELDERS

Leader, Club	Pct.	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
Butler, Brett, L.A.*	1.000	161	372	8	0	380	3
Player, Club							
Bass, Kevin, S.F.	.977	101	159	9	4	172	2
Bell, George, Chi.	.962	146	249	6	10	265	0
Bonds, Barry, Pitt.* †	.991	150	321	13	3	337	1
Bonilla, Bobby, Pitt.	.989	104	176	8	2	186	0
Boston, Daryl, N.Y.*	.981	115	156	2	3	161	1
Braggs, Glenn, Cin.	.966	74	139	2	5	146	1
Brooks, Hubie, N.Y.	.972	100	166	6	5	177	0
Calderon, Ivan, Mtl.	.974	122	256	3	7	266	1
Carreon, Mark, N.Y.	.971	77	96	4	3	103	1
Chamberlain, Wes, Phil.	.985	98	199	4	3	206	0
Clark, Jerald, S.D.	.994	96	160	5	1	166	2
Coleman, Vince, N.Y.	.979	70	132	5	3	140	0
Daniels, Kal, L.A.	.979	132	220	9	5	234	0
Dascenzo, Doug, Chi.*	.985	86	134	0	2	136	0
Davidson, Mark, Hou.	1.000	63	71	1	0	72	0
Davis, Eric, Cin.	.985	81	190	5	3	198	2
Dawson, Andre, Chi.	.988	137	243	7	3	253	2
Dykstra, Len, Phil.*	.977	63	167	3	4	174	2
Felder, Mike, S.F.	.985	107	192	3	3	198	2
Finley, Steve, Hou.*	.985	153	323	13	5	341	2
Gant, Ronnie, Atl.	.983	148	338	7	6	351	1
Gilkey, Bernard, St.L.	.994	74	164	6	1	171	1
Gonzalez, Luis, Hou.	.984	133	294	6	5	305	1
Grissom, Marquis, Mtl.	.984	138	350	15	6	371	2
Gwynn, Tony, S.D.* †	.990	134	291	8	3	302	2
Hatcher, Billy, Cin.	.981	121	248	4	5	257	0
Hayes, Von, Phil.	.990	72	202	3	2	207	2
Howard, Thomas, S.D.	.995	86	182	4	1	187	1

OUTFIELDERS

Player, Club	Pct.	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
Jackson, Darrin, S.D.	.992	98	243	2	2	247	2
Javier, Stan, L.A.	.969	69	70	1	1	72	0
Jose, Felix, St.L.	.990	153	268	15	3	286	2
Justice, David, Atl.*	.968	106	204	9	7	220	0
Kruk, John, Phil.*	.992	52	113	4	1	118	1
Lankford, Ray, St.L.*	.984	149	367	7	6	380	2
Lewis, Darren, S.F.	1.000	68	159	2	0	161	0
Martinez, Dave, Mtl.*	.982	112	213	10	4	227	0
McGee, Willie, S.F.	.978	128	259	6	6	271	3
McReynolds, Kevin, N.Y.	.993	141	281	9	2	292	1
Mitchell, Kevin, S.F.	.970	100	188	6	6	200	1
Morris, John, Phil.*	.974	57	73	1	2	76	0
Murphy, Dale, Phil.	.983	147	287	6	5	298	0
Nixon, Otis, Atl.	.987	115	218	6	3	227	1
O'Neill, Paul, Cin.*	.994	150	301	13	2	316	2
Smith, Lonnie, Atl.	.965	99	134	5	5	144	2
Strawberry, Darryl, L.A.*	.978	136	209	11	5	225	2
Thompson, Milt, St.L.	.991	91	207	8	2	217	1
Van Slyke, Andy, Pitt. †	.996	135	273	8	1	282	1
Varsho, Gary, Pitt.	.989	54	84	2	1	87	1
Walker, Chico, Chi.	.987	53	73	4	1	78	1
Walker, Larry, Mtl.	.991	102	223	6	2	231	2
Walton, Jerome, Chi.	.983	101	170	2	3	175	1
Webster, Mitch, Pitt.-L.A.*	.978	65	99	2	2	89	0
Winningham, Herm, Cin.	.953	66	99	2	5	106	0
Young, Gerald, Hou.	1.000	84	96	4	0	100	1

CATCHERS

Leader, Club	Pct.	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP	PB
LaValliere, Mike, Pitt.	.998	105	565	46	1	612	4	5
Player, Club								
Biggio, Craig, Hou.	.990	139	889	64	10	963	10	13
Carter, Gary, L.A.	.988	68	355	45	5	405	2	4
Cerone, Rick, N.Y.	.987	81	424	36	6	466	0	6
Daulton, Darren, Phil.	.985	88	493	33	8	534	5	2
Decker, Steve, S.F.	.984	78	385	41	7	433	5	7
Fitzgerald, Mike, Mtl.	.994	54	306	24	2	332	3	2
Kennedy, Terry, S.F.	.978	58	237	36	6	279	2	2
Lake, Steve, Phil.	.993	58	277	25	2	304	1	5
Manwaring, Kirt, S.F.	.988	67	315	28	4	347	7	0
O'Brien, Charlie, N.Y.	.991	67	396	37	4	437	7	2
Oliver, Joe, Cin.	.980	90	496	40	11	547	6	10
Olson, Greg, Atl.	.995	127	721	48	4	773	7	5
Pagnozzi, Tom, St.L. †	.991	139	673	81	7	761	8	5
Reed, Jeff, Cin.	.991	89	527	29	5	561	7	7
Reyes, Gilberto, Mtl.	.975	80	375	61	11	447	4	10
Santiago, Benito, S.D.	.985	151	830	100	14	944	14	8
Scioscia, Mike, L.A.	.990	115	677	51	7	735	8	3
Slaughter, Don, Pitt.	.987	69	338	31	5	374	4	3
Villanueva, Hector, Chi.	.979	55	259	26	6	291	2	4
Wilkins, Rick, Chi.	.993	82	373	42	3	418	6	6

PITCHERS

17 or more total chances

Leader, Club	Pct.	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
Glavine, Tom, Atl.*	1.000	34	16	45	0	61	4
Player, Club							
Agosto, Juan, St.L.*	1.000	72	5	17	2	24	2
Armstrong, Jack, Cin.	.941	27	16	16	2	34	0
Avery, Steve, Atl.*	.976	35	9	31	1	41	2
Barnes, Brian, Mtl.*	.950	28	7	31	2	40	1
Belcher, Tim, L.A.	.939	33	11	20	2	33	2
Benes, Andy, S.D.	1.000	33	8	29	0	37	3
Bielecki, Mike, Chi.-Atl.	1.000	41	22	24	0	46	3
Black, Bud, S.F.*	1.000	34	14	38	0	52	4
Boskie, Shawn, Chi.	.946	28	14	21	2	37	0
Boyd, Dennis, Mtl.	1.000	19	7	11	0	18	0

Player, Club	Pct.	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
Browning, Tom, Cin.*	.865	36	8	24	5	37	2
Burke, Tim, Mtl.-N.Y.	.923	72	3	21	2	26	1
Burkett, John, S.F.	.974	36	13	25	1	39	2
Castillo, Frank, Chi.	1.000	18	6	16	0	22	0
Charlton, Norm, Cin.*	.960	39	4	20	1	25	1
Cone, David, N.Y.	.917	34	18	26	4	48	2
Corsi, Jim, Hou.	.955	47	6	15	1	22	1
Cox, Danny, Phil.	1.000	23	10	11	0	21	1
Crews, Tim, L.A.	.944	60	7	10	1	18	0
Darling, Ron, N.Y.-Mtl.	.824	20	10	18	6	34	1
DeJesus, Jose, Phil.	.957	31	4	18	1	23	0
DeLeon, Jose, St.L.	1.000	28	5	17	0	22	0
Deshais, Jim, Hou.*	.880	28	4	18	3	25	1
Downs, Kelly, S.F.	.966	45	9	19	1	29	1
Drabek, Doug, Pitt.	.932	35	27	41	5	73	1
Gardner, Mark, Mtl.	.964	27	12	15	1	28	1
Gooden, Dwight, N.Y.	.956	27	15	28	2	45	3
Gott, Jim, L.A.	1.000	55	10	9	0	19	1
Greene, Tommy, Phil.	.968	36	14	16	1	31	0
Grimsley, Jason, Phil.	.941	12	2	14	1	17	3
Gross, Kevin, L.A.	.958	46	9	14	1	24	0
Gross, Kip, Cin.	.909	29	5	15	2	22	0
Hammond, Chris, Cin.*	.923	20	6	18	2	26	1
Haney, Chris, Mtl.*	.923	16	6	18	2	26	1
Harnisch, Pete, Hou.	.962	33	7	18	1	26	0
Harris, Greg, S.D.	.960	20	10	14	1	25	0
Hartley, Mike, L.A.-Phil.	.941	58	10	6	1	17	2
Hershiser, Orel, L.A.	.968	21	12	18	1	31	1
Hill, Ken, St.L.	.953	30	15	26	2	43	1
Hurst, Bruce, S.D.*	.952	31	7	33	2	42	2
Innis, Jeff, N.Y.	.975	69	13	26	1	40	1
Jones, Barry, Mtl.	.889	77	5	19	3	27	1
Jones, Jimmy, Hou.	.944	26	8	26	2	36	2
Kile, Darryl, Hou.	.889	37	7	17	3	27	1
Lancaster, Les, Chi.	1.000	64	13	14	0	27	1
Leibrandt, Charlie, Atl.*	.971	36	14	53	2	69	1
Maddux, Greg, Chi. †	.978	37	39	50	2	91	5
Maddux, Mike, S.D.	.964	64	9	18	1	28	1
Mahler, Rick, Mtl.-Atl.	.952	23	7	13	1	21	0
Martinez, Dennis, Mtl.	.945	31	21	48	4	73	5
Martinez, Ramon, L.A.	.956	33	22	21	2	45	0
McDowell, Roger, Phil.-L.A.	.917	71	8	25	3	36	3
McElroy, Chuck, Chi.*	1.000	71	8	14	0	22	1
Melendez, Jose, S.D.	.882	31	4	11	2	17	0
Morgan, Mike, L.A.	.971	34	25	41	2	68	3
Mulholland, Terry, Phil.*	.889	34	12	28	5	45	2
Myers, Randy, Cin.*	.900	58	6	12	2	20	0
Nabholz, Chris, Mtl.*	.974	24	9	28	1	38	2
Ojeda, Bob, L.A.*	1.000	31	14	32	0	46	1
Olivares, Omar, St.L.	.958	28	16	30	2	48	5
Portugal, Mark, Hou.	.917	32	16	17	3	36	1
Power, Ted, Cin.	1.000	68	8	10	0	18	1
Rasmussen, Dennis, S.D.*	.975	24	5	34	1	40	0
Rijo, Jose, Cin.	.929	30	17	22	3	42	2
Robinson, Don, S.F.	1.000	34	7	16	0	23	0
Ruffin, Bruce, Phil.*	.920	31	8	15	2	25	1
Scanlan, Bob, Chi.	.926	40	9	16	2	27	0
Schourek, Pete, N.Y.*	1.000	35	6	14	0	20	1
Scudder, Scott, Cin.	1.000	27	10	11	0	21	0
Simons, Doug, N.Y.*	1.000	42	6	16	0	22	0
Smiley, John, Pitt.*	.975	33	5	34	1	40	0
Smith, Bryn, St.L.	1.000	31	12	26	0	38	2
Smith, Zane, Pitt.*	.944	35	12	39	3	54	5
Smoltz, John, Atl.	.980	36	15	34	1	50	1
Stanton, Mike, Atl.*	1.000	74	6	16	0	22	0
Sutcliffe, Rick, Chi.	1.000	19	10	12	0	22	2
Terry, Scott, St.L.	1.000	65	7	16	0	23	1
Tewksbury, Bob, St.L.	.956	30	9	34	2	45	2
Tomlin, Randy, Pitt.*	.957	31	9	36	2	47	0
Viola, Frank, N.Y.*	.909	35	6	34	4	44	1
Walk, Bob, Pitt.	.923	25	9	15	2	26	1
Whitehurst, Wally, N.Y.	.946	36	11	24	2	37	2
Wilson, Trevor, S.F.*	.981	44	9	42	1	52	4

1991 TEAM STATS

NATIONAL LEAGUE

VS. EASTERN DIV.

	W	L	PCT.
Pittsburgh	58	32	.644
Atlanta	43	29	.597
Los Angeles	42	30	.583
St. Louis	49	41	.544
Chicago	46	42	.523
San Diego	36	36	.500
New York	44	45	.494
Philadelphia	43	47	.478
Cincinnati	34	38	.472
San Francisco	32	40	.444
Houston	28	44	.389
Montreal	28	61	.315

VS. LEFT STARTERS

	W	L	PCT.
Pittsburgh	34	19	.642
Atlanta	28	16	.636
Los Angeles	38	30	.559
Cincinnati	30	25	.545
New York	32	32	.500
St. Louis	35	37	.486
Chicago	31	33	.484
Philadelphia	30	32	.484
San Francisco	23	25	.479
San Diego	27	30	.474
Montreal	21	32	.396
Houston	23	39	.371

GRASS FIELDS

	W	L	PCT.
Los Angeles	75	45	.625
Atlanta	70	50	.583
San Diego	62	58	.517
Chicago	59	56	.513
San Francisco	58	62	.483
Pittsburgh	20	22	.476
New York	54	61	.470
Cincinnati	22	26	.458
Montreal	19	27	.413
Philadelphia	17	25	.405
Houston	18	30	.375
St. Louis	15	27	.357

DAY GAMES

	W	L	PCT.
Pittsburgh	25	18	.581
San Diego	26	20	.565
San Francisco	34	27	.557
Los Angeles	24	21	.533
Atlanta	21	19	.525
Chicago	43	39	.524
St. Louis	24	22	.522
Cincinnati	20	21	.488
New York	24	29	.453
Philadelphia	20	26	.435
Houston	15	23	.395
Montreal	17	28	.378

SHUTOUTS

	W	L	PCT.
Pittsburgh	11	6	.647
Los Angeles	14	8	.636
Montreal	14	10	.583
New York	11	9	.550
Cincinnati	11	9	.550
Chicago	4	4	.500
San Diego	11	12	.478
Philadelphia	11	12	.478
Houston	13	16	.448
Atlanta	7	9	.438
San Francisco	10	13	.435
St. Louis	5	14	.263

EXTRA-INNING GAMES

	W	L	PCT.
St. Louis	10	5	.667
Philadelphia	16	9	.640
Atlanta	8	6	.571
Chicago	12	11	.522
San Diego	8	8	.500
New York	8	8	.500
Pittsburgh	6	6	.500
Montreal	9	10	.474
Los Angeles	9	11	.450
San Francisco	5	8	.385
Cincinnati	5	8	.385
Houston	7	13	.350

VS. WESTERN DIV.

	W	L	PCT.
Montreal	43	29	.597
Atlanta	51	39	.567
Los Angeles	51	39	.567
Pittsburgh	40	32	.556
San Diego	48	42	.533
Philadelphia	35	37	.486
St. Louis	35	37	.486
San Francisco	43	47	.478
New York	33	39	.458
Cincinnati	40	50	.444
Chicago	31	41	.431
Houston	37	53	.411

VS. RIGHT STARTERS

	W	L	PCT.
Pittsburgh	64	45	.587
Los Angeles	55	39	.585
Atlanta	66	52	.559
St. Louis	49	41	.544
San Diego	57	48	.543
Philadelphia	48	52	.480
Chicago	46	50	.479
New York	45	52	.464
Montreal	50	58	.463
San Francisco	52	62	.456
Houston	42	58	.420
Cincinnati	44	63	.411

ARTIFICIAL SURFACES

	W	L	PCT.
Pittsburgh	78	42	.600
St. Louis	69	51	.575
Atlanta	24	18	.571
San Diego	22	20	.524
Philadelphia	61	59	.508
New York	23	23	.500
Cincinnati	52	62	.456
Montreal	52	63	.452
Los Angeles	18	24	.429
Houston	47	67	.412
San Francisco	17	25	.405
Chicago	18	27	.400

NIGHT GAMES

	W	L	PCT.
Pittsburgh	73	46	.613
Atlanta	73	49	.598
Los Angeles	69	48	.590
St. Louis	60	56	.517
San Diego	58	58	.500
Philadelphia	58	58	.500
New York	53	55	.491
Montreal	54	62	.466
Cincinnati	54	67	.446
Chicago	34	44	.436
San Francisco	41	60	.406
Houston	50	74	.403

ONE-RUN DECISIONS

	W	L	PCT.
San Diego	27	16	.628
St. Louis	37	22	.627
Philadelphia	36	27	.571
Pittsburgh	27	22	.551
Chicago	33	29	.532
Los Angeles	29	27	.518
Atlanta	22	26	.458
Cincinnati	21	25	.457
Montreal	28	39	.418
San Francisco	23	32	.418
New York	20	29	.408
Houston	19	28	.404

DOUBLEHEADERS

	W	L	SPLIT
Montreal	2	0	2
Atlanta	1	0	3
Chicago	1	1	0
New York	0	0	3
Cincinnati	0	0	2
Philadelphia	0	0	1
St. Louis	0	1	3
Los Angeles	0	1	2
Pittsburgh	0	1	2
Houston	0	0	0
San Diego	0	0	0
San Francisco	0	0	0

ATTENDANCE

EAST	1991	1990	Change	WEST	1991	1990	Change
Pittsburgh	2,065,302*	2,049,908	+15,394	Atlanta	2,140,217*	980,129	+1,160,088
St. Louis	2,448,699	2,573,225	-124,526	Los Angeles	3,348,170	3,002,396	+345,774
Philadelphia	2,050,012	1,992,484	+57,528	San Diego	1,804,289	1,856,396	-52,107
Chicago	2,314,250	2,243,791	+70,459	San Francisco	1,737,478	1,975,528	-238,050
New York	2,284,484	2,732,745	-448,261	Cincinnati	2,372,377	2,400,892	-28,515
Montreal	934,742	1,373,087	-438,345	Houston	1,196,152	1,310,927	-114,775
				Totals	24,696,172	24,491,508	+204,664

*Club record

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

VS. EASTERN DIV.

	W	L	PCT.
Minnesota	55	29	.655
Toronto	46	32	.590
Milwaukee	45	33	.577
Seattle	48	36	.571
Kansas City	46	38	.548
Chicago	45	39	.536
Boston	41	37	.526
California	44	40	.524
Oakland	44	40	.524
New York	40	38	.513
Detroit	39	39	.500
Texas	42	42	.500
Baltimore	33	45	.423
Cleveland	29	49	.372

VS. LEFT STARTERS

	W	L	PCT.
Minnesota	26	16	.619
Oakland	26	16	.619
Toronto	28	19	.596
California	25	18	.581
Texas	24	19	.558
Boston	24	20	.545
Detroit	23	21	.523
New York	27	28	.491
Chicago	21	27	.438
Milwaukee	20	26	.435
Baltimore	18	24	.429
Seattle	18	24	.429
Kansas City	20	29	.408
Cleveland	14	30	.318

GRASS FIELDS

	W	L	PCT.
Minnesota	35	27	.565
Oakland	76	60	.559
Milwaukee	75	62	.547
Toronto	74	63	.540
Chicago	74	64	.536
Toronto	33	30	.524
Texas	71	66	.518
Seattle	32	30	.516
Boston	70	67	.511
Kansas City	31	31	.500
California	64	71	.474
New York	64	74	.464
Baltimore	58	80	.420
Cleveland	53	85	.384

DAY GAMES

	W	L	PCT.
Oakland	32	22	.593
Milwaukee	26	19	.578
Texas	17	13	.567
Minnesota	26	20	.565
California	22	18	.550
Toronto	28	24	.538
Chicago	23	20	.535
Detroit	25	26	.490
Kansas City	22	24	.478
New York	24	27	.471
Boston	25	29	.463
Cleveland	19	29	.396
Seattle	17	26	.395
Baltimore	17	26	.395

SHUTOUTS

	W	L	PCT.
Toronto	16	9	.640
Minnesota	12	8	.600
Kansas City	12	9	.571
Baltimore	8	6	.571
Seattle	13	10	.565
Detroit	8	7	.533
Texas	10	9	.526
New York	11	10	.524
Boston	13	12	.520
Milwaukee	11	11	.500
Oakland	10	14	.417
California	10	15	.400
Chicago	8	12	.400
Cleveland	8	18	.308

EXTRA-INNING GAMES

	W	L	PCT.
Detroit	12	4	.750
Oakland	9	4	.692
Chicago	15	9	.625
Texas	14	10	.583
Kansas City	11	8	.579
Minnesota	9	7	.563
New York	8	7	.533
Seattle	9	10	.474
Toronto	8	10	.444
Boston	4	5	.444
Baltimore	6	12	.333
Cleveland	5	10	.333
Milwaukee	5	12	.294
California	2	9	.182

VS. WESTERN DIV.

	W	L	PCT.
Texas	43	35	.551
Chicago	42	36	.538
Detroit	45	39	.536
Toronto	45	39	.536
Minnesota	40	38	.513
Oakland	40	38	.513
Boston	43	41	.512
California	37	41	.474
Kansas City	36	42	.462
Milwaukee	38	46	.452
Seattle	35	43	.449
Baltimore	34	50	.405
New York	31	53	.369
Cleveland	28	56	.333

VS. RIGHT STARTERS

	W	L	PCT.
Chicago	66	48	.579
Minnesota	69	51	.575
Kansas City	62	51	.549
Toronto	63	52	.548
Milwaukee	63	53	.543
Seattle	65	55	.542
Detroit	61	57	.517
Texas	61	58	.513
Boston	60	58	.508
Oakland	58	62	.483
California	56	63	.471
New York	44	63	.411
Baltimore	49	71	.408
Cleveland	43	75	.364

ARTIFICIAL SURFACES

	W	L	PCT.
California	17	10	.630
Minnesota	60	40	.600
Toronto	58	41	.586
Boston	14	11	.560
Texas	14	11	.560
Chicago	13	11	.542
Kansas City	51	49	.510
Seattle	51	49	.510
Detroit	10	15	.400
Baltimore	9	15	.375
Milwaukee	8	17	.320
Oakland	8	18	.308
New York	7	17	.292
Cleveland	4	20	.167

NIGHT GAMES

	W	L	PCT.
Minnesota	69	47	.595
Toronto	63	47	.573
Seattle	66	53	.555
Boston	59	49	.546
Chicago	64	55	.538
Detroit	59	52	.532
Kansas City	60	56	.517
Texas	68	64	.515
Milwaukee	57	60	.487
California	59	63	.484
Oakland	52	56	.481
New York	47	64	.423
Baltimore	50	69	.420
Cleveland	38	76	.333

B A S E B A L L

OFF THE WALL

By JOE GODDARD
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If you root for underdogs, like no-hitters, disdain high-priced players and enjoy managerial changes, you loved baseball in 1991.

- The Minnesota Twins and Atlanta Braves staged the first-ever last-to-first World Series with the Twins victorious on the home boy-makes-good pitching of Jack Morris.
- There were six no-hitters, including Nolan Ryan's seventh, at age 44, for Texas; a perfect game by Dennis Martinez of Montreal; one by a troika of Braves; and one by four Baltimore pitchers.
- The average major league salary jumped 42.5 percent to over \$851,000 a man while the country struggled in a recession. Thirty-four players made at least \$3 million and 127 earned \$2 million.
- There were 14 changes of managers. Only one is black: Hal McRae of Kansas City.

The usual MVP, Cy Young, Manager of the Year and Rookie of the Year awards were announced on schedule. But let's not overlook

the following, belated but no less deserved:

HEY, LOOK ME OVER AWARD: to Oakland's Rickey Henderson, on breaking Lou Brock's career stolen-base record:
"I am the greatest of all-time!"

BEST EXCUSE AWARD: to Boston's Matt Young, on his 3-7 record, 5.18 ERA and two runners allowed per inning:
"It's tough pitching when your manager's got one foot on the top step of the dugout."

TRUTH IN ADVERTISING AWARD: to the Dodgers' Darryl Strawberry, who noted his former team, the Mets, had signed free agents Bobby Bonilla and Eddie Murray for a combined \$36.5 million:

"It's costing them, big time. It would have been a lot easier if they'd just kept me. If they think they lost something this year, wait until they see what I do next year. They ain't seen nothing yet."

HOOFER AWARD: to American League umpire Steve Palermo, who, recovering from a gunshot wound to his spinal cord, which he suffered while attempting to thwart a robbery, walked 80 feet on braces to a press conference:
"It may not look like much to you, but it feels like around the world in 80 days to me."

HOOF-IN-MOUTH AWARD: to Cleveland Indians president Hank Peters, whose team was en route to a franchise-record 105 losses:
"The media doesn't have the slightest clue what we're trying to do in this city."

SOURPUSS AWARD: to Detroit's Cecil Fielder, on finishing second to Baltimore's Cal Ripken in MVP voting:



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Snubbed again for MVP, Fielder fumed.

"They told me last year (when Fielder was runner-up to Rickey Henderson) I had to play on a contender. Now, Cal Ripken plays on a sixth-place team, and they tell me he's MVP. It's a shame . . . it's a joke . . . it's a bunch of garbage."

MAY DAY AWARD: to managers Don Zimmer, John Wathan and Frank Robinson. They set an unwanted record by being fired on consecutive days in May.

SIGN HERE AWARD: to Atlanta official scorer Mark Frederickson, who preserved a no-hitter for three Braves pitchers with a controver-



PAUL JASIEWSKI

Henderson can steal a show—just ask him.

BASEBALL OFF THE WALL



Springtime pink slips went to Wathan, Robinson and Zimmer.

sial call, then had them autograph his score-sheet.

INGENUITY AWARD: to the Cubs' Andre Dawson, who sent in his fine to the National League office for an umpire run-in with the notation, "Donation for the Blind."

NUTS TO YOU AWARD: to Seattle's Randy Johnson, who committed a balk when a bag of peanuts, misdirected by a vendor, landed on the field and burst.

ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT AWARD: to Cleveland's Albert Belle for snapping, "Don't bug me!" to reporters when they asked about American League president Dr. Bobby Brown's one-day reduction of a suspension for his good attitude.

GRAIN OF SALT AWARD: to Dave Winfield for saying, "I'd be afraid of us," when the Angels signed free agent Gary Gaetti and acquired Dave Parker in a trade. The Angels finished last.

BEST PROMOTION AWARD: to Erie of the New York-Penn League for Bob Uecker Day. Two fans were selected at random and placed in the first row. Ushers moved them farther back each inning until they ended up on the roof of a building overlooking the park.

THEY SAID IT

Cincinnati pitcher Rob Dibble, after a bench-clearing brawl caused by his behind-the-back fastball to Houston's Eric Yelding, hitting a female fan with a long toss from the mound into the center field bleachers and throwing a ball at the legs of Cubs runner Doug Dascenzo:

"I need to mature."

San Diego's Tony Gwynn, before missing his fifth National League batting title:

"People are driving me nuts, like I go to bed and have Silver Bats dancing around in my head.

I don't play this game for batting titles. It's like the B.B. King song, 'The Thrill Is Gone.' "

Nolan Ryan, on striking out Toronto's Roberto Alomar to end his seventh no-hitter:

"I remember him when he was a toddler, but you don't think about that when there's two out in the ninth with a no-hitter on the line."

Cleveland reliever Doug Jones, on returning from Class AAA Colorado Springs as a starter and winning his first two games with a 1.58 ERA:

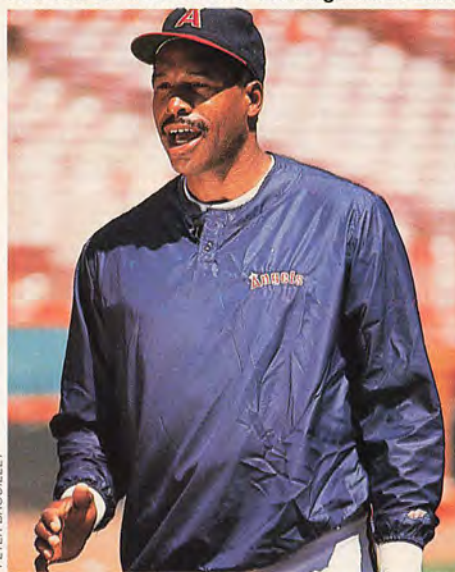
"The thing I noticed the most is when I got to the mound, it was nice and smooth, and the bases weren't loaded."

Kansas City's Bret Saberhagen, when Lance Johnson of the White Sox refused to sign the lineup card (of the Royal pitcher's no-hitter) for him:

"Hey, it's not my fault he went 0-for-3."

Boston's Jody Reed, on long American League games:

Few feared Winfield and the Angels but Dibble's antics had some batters quivering.



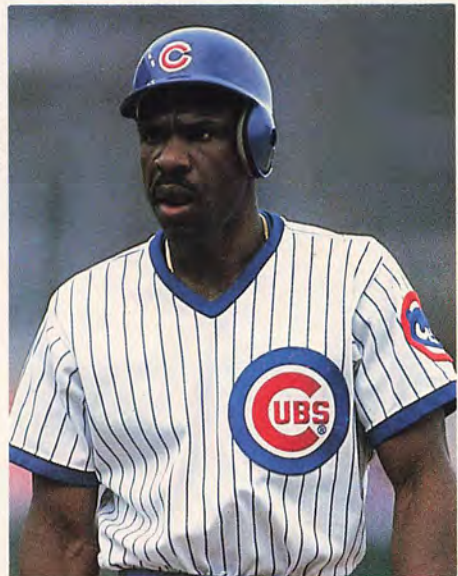
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"You start to notice who's taking pitches and say, 'Come on, man, swing the bat!' You get to be like the other 30,000 people who have to watch it."

Class AA Charlotte pitcher John Salles, on facing Birmingham's Bo Jackson, who was on rehabilitation assignment:

"I knew how to pitch to him. He's on my Nintendo team."

CBS sportscaster Jack Buck, on Minnesota



Dawson's a 20/20 man, vision-wise.

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first baseman Kent Hrbek's controversial tag of Atlanta's Ron Gant in Game 2 of the World Series:

"That play is scored 7-1-3-umpire."

Toronto pitching coach Galen Cisco, on a strong effort by Mike Timlin:



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"Impressive? He was nearly impeccable. And there's a word I've always wanted to use."

White Sox reliever Scott Radinsky, on seeing old Comiskey Park being torn down:

"It looks like a scud missile hit it."

Indians catcher Joel Skinner, on gnats interrupting another game in Cleveland:

"Last year's bugs had more hang time. These guys got tired much easier."

Detroit's Frank Tanana, on striking out against Chicago's Donn Pall in a rare at-bat for a pitcher:

"He went to the forkball and I was history—but, hey, I had a good stance."

Atlanta broadcaster Don Sutton, on Philadelphia's rotund John Kruk:

"He looks like a guy who went to a fantasy camp and decided to stay."

Ethel Peckham, 90, on breaking her hip in a fall at the Hall of Fame while walking toward a photo of Babe Ruth:

"Imagine falling for a man who's been dead all these years."

ODDS AND ENDS

Saberhagen's record for Kansas City in odd-numbered years is 74-30. In even-numbered seasons, it's 36-48.

Nineteen teams set a record with losing streaks of at least seven games.

The Astros held a father-kids game, but the players were so young they didn't have enough children for a team.

Cincinnati's Chris Jones was sent to the minors with a .625 average (15 for 24).

The A's hit six home runs in one game—and lost.

The Tigers struck out 21 times in one game—and won.

Cubs coach Joe Altobelli was interim manager for one game—and got tossed out.

Atlanta's Tom Glavine, Steve Avery and Charlie Leibrandt were the NL's first three left-handers to win at least 15 games on the same team since Ferdie Schupp, Slim Sallee and Rube Benton of the 1917 New York Giants, who also won the pennant.

Detroit's Tony Phillips started six straight games at six positions.

Seattle's Matt Sinatro failed to score from third on a single.

QUEEN GOES TO A GAME

The game was not the thing when the Orioles and Athletics met in Baltimore. Watching Queen Elizabeth of England with President George Bush and wife Barbara was.

Players from both teams went through a royal reception line. Their reactions:

Jose Canseco (A's): "The queen's too old for me. I wonder if she knows Madonna."

Bob Melvin (Orioles): "I dropped a 'Mr. President,' a 'Mrs. Bush' and a 'Your Royal Highness.' Very coolly, I might add."

Walt Weiss (A's): "I couldn't get (the queen's) autograph. Guess I'll have to catch her at the next card show." ■



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EXPANSION

It'll Be a Hectic Year for New National League Clubs, Although They Don't Play Until 1993

By MIKE DODD
USA TODAY

Elio Chacon, Ed Sadowski, Doug Ault: just three of the myriad prospects from previous expansion drafts who didn't pan out. (Chosen by the Mets, Angels and Blue Jays, if you're curious).

Ernie Whitt, Jim Fregosi and Nate Colbert: three names on a much shorter list of expansion selections who had solid careers for their fledgling franchises. (Blue Jays, Angels and Padres, if you follow contenders only).

Though the National League's two newest teams don't begin play until 1993, their organizations will be working hard this summer to separate the Whitt from the Chacon.

Both the Colorado Rockies and the Florida Marlins have their front offices and scouting departments up and running. They're pointing first to the June draft of high school and college players, then the expansion draft in November to fill out their major league rosters for 1993.

"I don't know if it's any more, or less, hectic (than a normal season)," said Dave Dombrowski, former Montreal Expos general manager, who assumed the same position with the Marlins last fall. "The focus is on the draft in November,

compared to focusing on the day-to-day aspects."

Both clubs will field minor league teams this year, but none higher than Class A level.

The Marlins plan to stock two short-season Class A teams (both start in June), one rookie league team and maybe a Dominican summer league team. Amateur prospects selected in the June draft and subsequently signed will help fill those rosters.

Rockies GM Bob Gebhard, who was vice president of player personnel with the Minnesota Twins, says the Denver franchise probably will stock two clubs at the rookie level and field a team in the Instructional League in the fall.

Field managers for the parent clubs won't be hired until later this year.

The two GMs took different tacks in staffing their scouting departments. Dombrowski, who helped make Montreal's minor league system one of the strongest in baseball, quickly hired three Expos officials to help do the same in Miami. Gebhard had to go outside the Minnesota organization for his staff because he promised not to take any Twins employees with him to Colorado.

Both stress they will build their clubs through the farm system. The minor league systems will be built slowly but surely; Dombrowski doesn't expect the Marlins to have their own Class A affiliate until 1994.

Denver and Miami beat out four other finalists, culminating a year-long expansion process.

Miami was a latecomer to the race, but Blockbuster Video's H. Wayne Huizenga converted Joe Robbie Stadium for baseball and swayed NL owners to choose Miami over the other Florida entries: Tampa-St. Petersburg and Orlando. Denver was an early favorite, offering geographical balance and a huge, untapped regional market. Chairman/CEO John Antonucci's bid was boosted by a substantial investment from Coors Brewing Co. last spring. Washington, Buffalo and the aforementioned Florida cities were the losing finalists.

Now comes the hard part for the winners: beating the 12 other NL teams that have at least a 22-year head start on them.

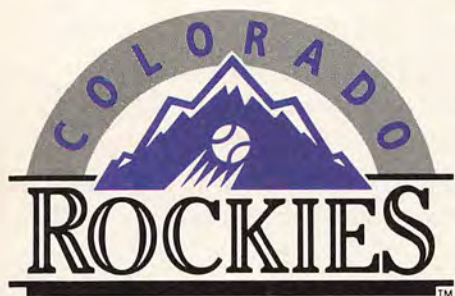
If history is any indication, the first few years will be grim. The 10 previous expansion teams since 1960 posted an average record of 59-102 in their first years. Only four of the 10 finished ahead of, or tied with, existing clubs in their first season.

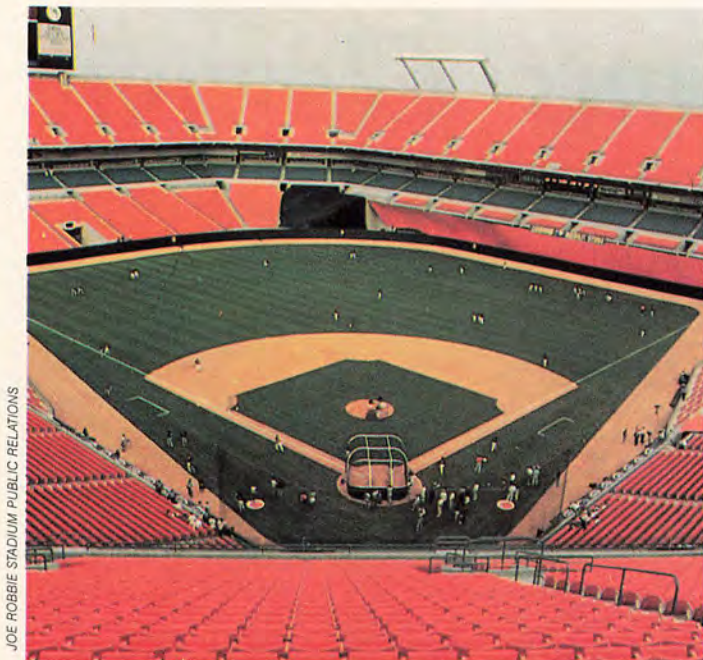
The 1961 Los Angeles Angels posted the best record of any first-year expansion team, 70-91. They finished 10 games over .500 in their second year. The 1962 New York Mets were the worst, compiling a 40-120 record.

The Mets and Kansas City Royals were first to win division crowns, in their eighth years. Those Mets of '69 went all the way, but seven of the 10 expansion franchises have yet to reach the World Series.

On the average, the new franchises didn't break .500 until their eighth seasons. The Seattle Mariners did it for the first time in '91, their 15th season.

The Class of '93 will get a break, however. National League and American League owners





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Joe Robbie Stadium will seat 46,000 for Marlins home games.



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Prodigious wallops will be smashed at Denver's Mile High Stadium.

fought over splitting the \$95 million-per-club entry fee. Commissioner Fay Vincent finally intervened, giving AL clubs a share but ordering them to help stock the pool for the expansion draft as well.

Previous expansion teams selected only from clubs in their league. The Marlins and Rockies will have a shot at players from each of the 26 existing clubs. Each team can protect 15 players in the first round, then protects others during later rounds.

Also, the new franchises were awarded in June 1991, affording them a little more time to prepare for their first seasons than their predecessors had. Will it result in more competitive teams right off the bat?

"It's possible, not because of the additional time to put things together but because you're selecting players from both leagues," Dombrowski said. "You're taking players from 26 organizations rather than 12."

Owners didn't do the newcomers any favors in the June amateur draft, however. The two new teams will select 27th and 28th in the first round.

The Rockies will play their first two years in 75,000-seat Mile High Stadium before moving to 43,000-seat Coors Field in downtown Denver. Construction of the new park will begin at the end of this year.

It will be an open-air facility with a grass field and bigger playing-field dimensions (345-350 feet down the lines, 420 in center) than most parks because baseballs travel about 9 percent farther in Denver's mile-high air.

Gebhard, who pitched in Denver while with Class AAA Evansville and recalled giving up "one of the longest home runs ever" there, said he feels the thin air tends to hurt breaking ball



Dave Dombrowski
Marlins GM

Bob Gebhard
Rockies GM

Rockets in Rockies

It may not be a different game that the Colorado Rockies and visiting National League clubs will play in Denver, but the city's mile-high altitude will affect a baseball.

Here's how, a study by the National League shows:

- Batted balls will go 9 percent farther than at sea level.
- Players who hit drives that would travel 400 feet at sea level will see them go 436 feet at Mile High Stadium.
- Against 100 mph fastballs, batters will have .003 of a second less to connect.
- Curveballs breaking 14 inches at sea level will break 11 inches in Denver.
- Baseballs can be thrown 9 percent farther by outfielders.

pitchers slightly and help fastballers slightly.

"I think it (thin air) will play a part," Gebhard said. "Everybody for years said if you try to play major league baseball in Mile High, you'd have a ton of home runs. Maybe you will, maybe you won't. It's going to be major league pitching."

Other baseball folks—former Denver Zephyrs president Robert Howsam Jr. among them—feel the bigger new park means the Rockies might want to put an emphasis on outfield speed, as the St. Louis Cardinals have.

But Gebhard rejects any preconceived notions of the makeup of the club. "I don't know how you can predict what kind of team you'll have when you haven't seen the protected list (for the expansion draft)," he said. "You have to look at the list, see who is selectable and fit in with what you're trying to do." Gebhard added with a laugh, "We're going to try to have a team with four 20-game winners."

Dombrowski has no set ideas about his club's style yet, either. He said the Marlins also will look at six-year minor leaguers who are free to move and major league free agents, but he added, "We won't sign a lot of free agents in the beginning."

The Marlins will make their permanent home in Joe Robbie Stadium, which underwent a \$10-million conversion from football-only to dual-purpose last year. It's an open-air, grass-field facility with fairly standard dimensions and 46,000 prime seats for baseball. With Florida's late-afternoon showers in summer, batting practice could be irregular, but the weather shouldn't affect games, although there'll be nights in '93 when the Marlins will be hoping for a downpour in the top of the fifth. ■

Jays' Bell, Giants' Clayton Set for Rookie Success

By TOM PEDULLA
Gannett News Service

Adversity. It's what makes or breaks any prospect. When adversity strikes, and it always does, team officials pay close attention to how the player reacts.

Doug Melvin, director of player personnel for the Baltimore Orioles, asks these questions when evaluating rookie pitching talent: "Can he get out of a situation if he's been hit? Will he lose confidence?"

Toronto outfielder Derek Bell and San Francisco shortstop Royce Clayton have encountered their share of adversity. Their ability to flourish after floundering is one of the qualities that stamps Bell as the leading Rookie of the Year candidate in the American League, while Clayton holds that distinction in the National League.

"I've been through hard times," Clayton says. "Some people doubted my ability. I had to say to myself every day, 'I know I can play this game.'"

Clayton was severely tested shortly after becoming the Giants' first selection in the 1988 draft. He fell short of great expectations by batting a modest .259 at Everett in the Northwest League in 1988. The next season things were worse. Much worse. Clayton batted a combined .214 in Class A stops at Clinton and San Jose.

When Clayton started slowly at San Jose in 1990, questions abounded. Would he ever hit? Should he overhaul his batting style? Had San Francisco wasted a top pick?

Clayton suddenly found himself in the second half of that 1990 season and finished with a .267 batting average to go with 71 RBI and 33 stolen bases.

When Clayton was preparing to open last season at Shreveport on the double-A level, Bill Evers, his manager, asked each player to write his goal for the season. Clayton wanted to be the best shortstop at his level.

It would be difficult to find anyone who believes Clayton didn't achieve that. Aside from displaying great tools at shortstop, he excelled offensively. Clayton's average soared as high as .350 before settling at .280. He also collected five home runs and 68 RBI, and stole 36 bases. All of that leads the Giants to hope that Clayton

can make the leap to the National League this season.

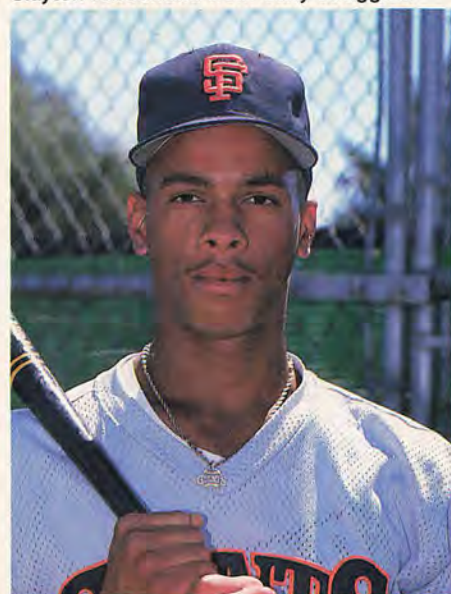
Bell, Toronto's second-round choice in the June 1987 draft, knew nothing but success at the beginning of his career. He was his team's MVP in the New York-Penn League in '87. He was MVP in the Class A South Atlantic League the following season, batting .344 at Myrtle Beach to outdistance his nearest competitor in the batting race by 30 points. He was MVP for Knoxville in the double-A Southern League in 1989.

Bell went through growing pains in his first year at triple-A in 1990, but he wasn't severely challenged until last season. He was playing so well at Class AAA Syracuse that he earned a promotion to Toronto on June 28. Bell thought he was there to stay. The dream he had nurtured since Little League had come true.

Then it all came apart.

Bell produced only four hits in 28 at-bats (.143). Toronto, feeling the heat from an AL East race it would ultimately win, could not wait for a young player to find himself. The Blue Jays

Clayton rebounded from early struggles.



went out and obtained veteran Cory Snyder. Bell went back to Syracuse.

The questions started. Could Bell stick in the major leagues? What had gone wrong after everything had gone right in the minor leagues? Did Toronto still have plans for him?

Bell dispelled the doubts by fashioning an International League-leading .346 average to go with a .424 on-base percentage, 13 home runs and 93 RBI. Bell was *Baseball America's* Minor League Player of the Year. That is no small honor considering that the award was won by current major league stars Sandy Alomar Jr. (1989) of Cleveland and Frank Thomas (1990) of the Chicago White Sox.

It wouldn't be surprising if AL Rookie of the Year honors are next for the hard-hitting Bell, but he faces stiff competition.

Here's a look at other top Rookie of the Year candidates in the AL:

Kenny Lofton, Cleveland

The best way to describe Lofton is to say he's a raw talent. How raw? He didn't play varsity baseball at Arizona until his junior year, and then he appeared in only five games. Lofton had previously restricted his athletic talents to the basketball court, serving as a valuable sixth man on Arizona's Final Four team in 1988, then performing as the starting point guard the next season. The Houston Astros were astute in selecting Lofton in the 17th round in 1988, and his progress since then has been exciting. His average soared from .214 at Auburn (1988) to .264 at Auburn ('89) to .331 at Osceola ('90). Lofton vaulted himself into the big league picture by batting .308 with 40 stolen bases for Tucson of the Pacific Coast League last summer. Called to Houston for 20 games, he batted .203 with 15 hits in 74 at-bats. Lofton was traded to Cleveland at the winter meetings in December.

Jim Thome, Cleveland

Thome has a shot at joining Alomar Jr. to give the youth-oriented Indians their second Rookie of the Year in three seasons. Despite being bypassed until Cleveland made him its 13th selection in 1989, Thome has distinguished himself

as an outstanding hitter. He was the Minor League Player of the Year in the Cleveland organization in 1990, compiling a combined .340 average at Class A Burlington and Kinston. Thome showed he belongs in the majors with his performance after being called up in September, batting .255. Seven of his 25 hits were for extra bases, and he enjoyed seven multi-hit games. Thome made an impression in the final days by hitting safely in six of his last seven games and batting .481 in that stretch.

Tino Martinez, Seattle

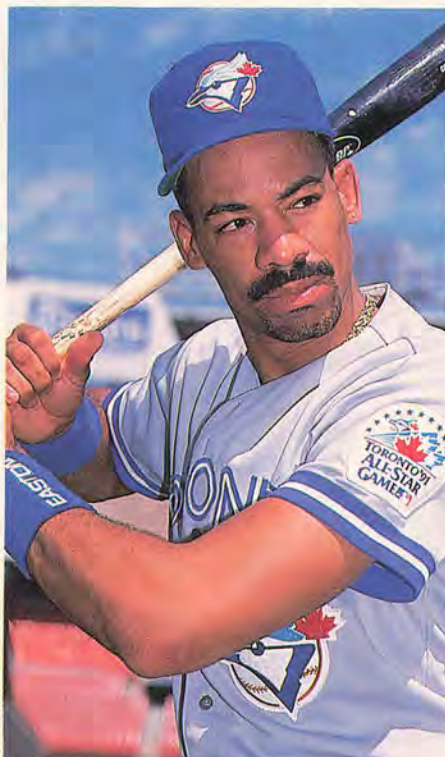
Patience is the quality Martinez has needed most in his time with Seattle. Despite consecutive outstanding seasons in the Pacific Coast League, the first baseman has waited patiently for a place with Seattle, knowing that Pete O'Brien was ahead of him at his position. Martinez has done well in taking out his frustration with his bat. He was *USA TODAY's* Minor League Player of the Year in 1990, ranking second in the PCL with 93 RBI while batting .320. Martinez was that league's MVP last season after excelling offensively and defensively. He batted .326 and topped all PCL first basemen with a .992 fielding percentage. Martinez will be remembered for the role he played in helping the United States win the gold medal in the 1988 Olympics. He batted .474 and saved his biggest blow for last. Martinez hit two home runs in Team USA's 5-3 triumph over Japan in the championship game.

Roger Salkeld, Seattle

Yes, the Mariners boast two Rookie of the Year candidates. The only question with Salkeld is how quickly the organization will choose to bring him along. Will it be willing to jump him from AA Jacksonville to the majors? The 6-5, 215-pound right-hander showed his ability to dominate at Jacksonville, where he was 8-8 with a 3.05 ERA. More telling statistics are that he permitted only 131 hits in 153 $\frac{2}{3}$ innings while striking out 159. Salkeld was the third player taken in the 1989 draft after going 13-1 with a 0.57 ERA as a senior at Saugus, Calif., High School. It should be only a matter of time before he develops into one of the game's premier pitchers.

Arthur Rhodes, Baltimore

The Orioles have Rhodes on the fast track to success. It's been that way since they took him in the second round of the 1988 draft. In Rhodes' sixth pro appearance, he worked two innings for Baltimore in an exhibition game. In 1990, he made his Memorial Stadium debut, pitching for Class A Frederick and striking out nine batters in seven innings. Baltimore continued to accelerate Rhodes' progress by giving him eight starts last year. Even as Rhodes struggled to an 0-3 record with an 8.00 ERA, his promise was unmistakable. The left-hander fanned 23 in 36 innings.



Bell answered critics in fine fashion.

"We brought him up probably a little too early," concedes Melvin. But he was quick to add, "We think the exposure he received will be a benefit to him."

Here are some top Rookie of the Year candidates in the National League:

Lance Dickson, Chicago Cubs

The left-hander probably would have lost his rookie status by now if not for a stress fracture to his right foot that limited him to 101 $\frac{1}{3}$ innings at triple-A Iowa and denied him any chance at a promotion. The 101 $\frac{1}{3}$ innings, however, were enough for him to average one strikeout an inning. A sign of the high esteem the Cubs have for Dickson is that he made his major league debut on Aug. 9, 1990, roughly two months after they made him their No. 1 draft choice. It was the fastest rise for a Cubs draftee since Burt Hooton went directly from the University of Texas to the Cubs in June 1971. Dickson, drafted out of Arizona, was a mere 20 years, 10 months at the time of his debut.

Pedro Martinez, Los Angeles Dodgers

The Dodgers owe a huge debt to the Martinez family. First, there was Ramon Martinez, current Dodgers pitching ace. Now, along comes Pedro. And many think he's better than Ramon at a similar stage of development. Pedro came to the fore by winning 18 games last season in a whirlwind tour of the Dodgers' minor league system. He was 8-0 with a 2.05 ERA at Class

A Bakersfield, 7-5 with a 1.76 ERA at AA San Antonio and 3-3 with a 3.66 ERA at AAA Albuquerque. Martinez has never suffered a losing record at any stop since Los Angeles signed him in June 1988. He was a combined 12-3 in two seasons at Santo Domingo and was named to the Pioneer League All-Star team in 1990. Martinez finished 8-3 with 82 strikeouts in 77 innings at Great Falls that year.

Mark Wohlers, Atlanta

The pitching-rich Braves will be a little richer with a full season from Wohlers, *USA TODAY's* Minor League Player of the Year in 1991. Wohlers' career took an abrupt turn for the better when it was decided to convert him from a starter into a reliever in 1990. Wohlers, Atlanta's 10th selection in the 1988 draft, stamped himself as a premier closer last summer by converting 32 of a possible 33 saves in stops at AA Greenville and AAA Richmond. He was 3-1, 3.20 with two saves for the NL champion Braves late in the season. "He's going to be an outstanding pitcher for a long, long time," Atlanta manager Bobby Cox predicts. Improved mechanics have enabled Wohlers to bring his fastball into the mid-90's range. The 6-4 right-hander possesses a good slider to go with the high-octane fastball, making him perfectly equipped to be a closer.

Wilfredo Cordero, Montreal

The Expos' system is so well-stocked with outstanding prospects it is possible to make a case for several as Rookie of the Year candidates. But Cordero generally is acknowledged as the best of the best. Although he's only 20, Cordero should be ready to compete for the Expos' short-stop job despite missing the final month of last season with a broken hand. He is a defensive weapon with excellent range and a strong arm. Cordero is improving offensively and achieved career highs with 11 home runs and 52 RBI last year at AAA Indianapolis while batting .261. The Expos have raved about Cordero since they signed him as a free agent in May 1988. In 1989, Cordero, at 17, became the youngest player ever invited to Montreal's major league camp.

Kyle Abbott, Philadelphia

The Phillies obtained Abbott in a trade with the California Angels at the winter meetings last December. The 6-4, 195-pound left-hander enjoyed a 14-10, 3.99 season with AAA Edmonton. Abbott tied for the Pacific Coast League in victories and led in innings with 180 $\frac{1}{3}$. He placed second with 120 strikeouts. Abbott was promoted to California last September. His record with the Angels was 1-2, 4.58. In a combined 27 starts at Midland and Edmonton in 1990, Abbott held opponents to two runs or fewer 14 times. In 1989, his first pro season, the Angels' first-round draft choice paced all pitchers in the organization by averaging 1.29 strikeouts per inning. ■

Demand Moves Talent Fast

By TOM PEDULLA
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Most of today's major league prospects are older and possess more playing experience than in previous generations. Approximately 75 percent of drafted players come from the college ranks. Their chances of advancing quickly through the minors are increased by the general shortage of talent in the major leagues. Few baseball executives would deny that quality has declined.

"Years ago you had 16 teams. Now you have 26 teams and it's going to 28 teams," says Mitch Lukevics, director of minor league operations for the Yankees. "You start getting a dilution of talent."

The Atlanta Braves, who went from the worst record in the major leagues to National League champions, provide the most vivid example of what a difference an infusion of youth can make.

Following is a look at all 26 major league organizations. Each club's top minor leaguers are divided into two categories: Prime Time Prospects encompasses those youngsters who could have an impact at the major league level in 1992; Prospecting For Gold examines future big leaguers who probably will have to ride the minor league buses for at least another season. Hometowns are listed in parentheses.

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Prime Time Prospects

Mike Mussina RHP (Montoursville, Pa.) He made a small contribution last year, compiling a 4-5 record with an impressive 2.87 ERA for the Orioles. That followed Mussina's promotion from triple-A Rochester, where he won 10 of 14 decisions and placed second in the International League with a 2.87 ERA.

Arthur Rhodes LHP (Waco, Texas) This left-hander is not quite as polished as Mussina, but he should be a longtime starter. Rhodes doesn't always have command of his breaking ball. He walked 23 in 36 innings with the Orioles. He was 0-3 with an 8.00 ERA in a late-season trial after posting a 7-4 mark with a 2.70 ERA at double-A Hagerstown.

Luis Mercedes OF (San Pedro de Macoris, Dominican Republic) He possesses eye-opening credentials as a hitter. Mercedes won

two minor league batting titles, taking honors in the Carolina League in 1989 and in the Eastern League in 1990.

Prospecting For Gold

The long-rumored move of superstar Cal Ripken Jr. from shortstop to third base may become a reality when shortstop **Manny Alexander** (San Pedro de Macoris, Dominican Republic) is ready for the major leagues. Alexander's offense was impressive at Class A Frederick of the Carolina League, where he scored 81 runs and stole 47 bases to go with a .261 batting average.

Mark Smith (Arcadia, Calif.) was an outfield prospect at Frederick. The Orioles' No. 1 draft choice out of the University of Southern California, Smith signed late and batted .250 with four home runs and 29 RBI.



Seattle's Martinez: ready for the big time.

BOSTON RED SOX

Prime Time Prospects

Scott Cooper 3B (Maryland Heights, Mo.) Recent seasons have been an exercise in frustration for Cooper, a solid third base candidate with the misfortune of having batting king Wade Boggs ahead of him. Cooper's difficult circumstances didn't keep him from a fine year at triple-A Pawtucket, where he batted .277 with 15 home runs and 72 RBI. Although Cooper slugged six home runs in August, his critics wonder if he will provide a strong enough bat at a position that typically calls for power.

Eric Wedge C (Fort Wayne, Ind.) He should compete in spring training for a reserve role with the Red Sox. Surgery last summer on his left knee limited Wedge to 53 games with Pawtucket.

Jeff Plympton RHP (Plainville, Mass.) He will vie for a slot in the bullpen. Plympton was 2-6 with a 3.12 ERA and seven saves in 41 appearances at Pawtucket.

Prospecting for Gold

Boston's best prospects are at the lower levels, where both **Frank Rodriguez** (Pasadena, Texas) and **Jeff McNeely** (Monroe, N.C.) draw rave reviews.

Rodriguez is so talented he probably could reach The Show as either a shortstop or a right-handed pitcher. In fact, debate continues about which position better suits him. His fastball hums along in the mid-90s, but he prefers to play shortstop, where he produced impressive results at Elmira of the New York-Penn League. McNeely is Boston's future center fielder. When he is ready, he will give the Red Sox some desperately needed speed at the top of their lineup.

Boston was pleased with what it saw in catcher **Scott Hatteberg** (Yakima, Wash.). He is a very selective hitter who compiled a .277 average for Class A Winter Haven.

CLEVELAND INDIANS

Prime Time Prospects

Jim Thome 3B (Peoria, Ill.) Cleveland is ready to put third base in the hands of Thome and leave it there for years. He's a line-drive hitter who should show more power with experience. Thome is also a quality fielder.

Mark Lewis SS (Hamilton, Ohio) After shuttling last year between triple-A Colorado Springs and Cleveland, the time has come for Lewis. The second player chosen in the 1988 draft, he should establish himself at the top level.

Reggie Jefferson 1B (Tallahassee, Fla.) He is another player eager to put down roots in the big leagues. He struggled to a .198 average in 101 at-bats after joining the Indians under an unusual set of circumstances. Jefferson was acquired in exchange for Tim Costo after Cincinnati erred by leaving him exposed to other teams.

Kenny Lofton OF (East Chicago, Ind.) The former University of Arizona basketball player

is a terrific prospect who batted .318 for Houston's Tucson triple-A affiliate. He was traded to Cleveland. Lofton drove in 50 runs.

Prospecting for Gold

Cleveland made a tremendous first-round selection in last year's draft when the club chose outfielder **Manny Ramirez** (Bronx, N.Y.). Ramirez tore up the Appalachian League, establishing Burlington team records with 19 home runs and 63 RBI to go with a rousing .326 batting average.

DETROIT TIGERS

Prime Time Prospects

Scott Aldred LHP (Flint, Mich.) He is the most advanced of the young pitchers and is virtually certain to open the season in the Tigers' rotation. But he's spent parts of the last two seasons in the Motor City and hasn't shown that he can win with any consistency. He was 2-4 with a 5.18 ERA in 11 starts with Detroit in 1991.

Greg Gohr RHP (Campbell, Calif.) The Tigers' first pick in the 1989 draft, he was 10-8 with an unimpressive 4.61 ERA in 26 starts at triple-A Toledo after going 13-5 at Class A Lakeland in 1990.

Scott Livingstone INF (Dallas, Texas) It is unclear what position will be occupied by Livingstone, the second selection in the 1988 draft, although he did show his offensive readiness by batting .291 in 44 games with the Tigers.

Prospecting for Gold

Detroit manager Sparky Anderson raves about first baseman **Rico Brogna** (Watertown, Conn.). Questions about Brogna's ability rose, however, when he failed to stick at the triple-A level. After an injury and a .220 average at Toledo, Brogna returned to double-A London, where he prospered with a .273 batting average, 13 home runs, and 51 RBI.

Catcher **Rich Rowland** (Cloverdale, Calif.), Detroit's 17th pick in 1988, drew some attention by batting .272 with 13 home runs and 68 RBI at Toledo.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS

Prime Time Prospects

Dave Nilsson C (Queensland, Australia) If he makes it, he'll join Joe Quinn (1884-1901) and Craig Shipley (1986-87) as the only Australians to reach the major leagues. Nilsson will make it. He topped the minor leagues with a .366 average and is an outstanding contact hitter. At double-A El Paso, where Nilsson began the season before advancing to triple-A Denver, he fanned only 14 times in 249 at-bats.

Cal Eldred RHP (Urbana, Iowa) He appears ready to settle into the Brewers' rotation after a very strong effort at Denver. The hard-throwing 6-4, 215-pounder topped the American Association with 168 strikeouts.

Chris George RHP (Pittsburgh) A seventh-round choice in 1988, he may be used as a setup man. George owns 45 career minor league saves.

Mark Kiefer RHP (Garden Grove, Calif.) He rose to prominence as the Most Valuable Player of the Triple-A Alliance championship series, won by Denver. Kiefer was 16-6 with a 4.07 ERA in stops at El Paso and Denver.

John Jaha 1B (Portland, Ore.) He put up big numbers at El Paso (.344, 30 HR, 134 RBI), where hitters typically thrive in a ballpark, but will have to show even more in spring training.

Prospecting for Gold

Duane Singleton (Staten Island, N.Y.) must be considered Milwaukee's best outfield prospect. He batted .289 with three home runs and 44 RBI for Beloit of the Midwest League. Singleton's got speed—he stole 42 bases—and an above-average arm. He is expected to develop power as he matures. Another potential run-producer for the Brewers is first baseman **Bo Dodson** (West Sacramento, Calif.), who made a solid showing in the Carolina League with nine home runs and 42 RBI to go with a .262 batting average.

NEW YORK YANKEES

Prime Time Prospects

Gerald Williams OF (LaPlace, La.) The Yankees installed Bernie Williams as their center fielder midway through last season. They expect Gerald (no relation) to be ready to take over right field some time this summer. Gerald is a very raw talent but his promise is unquestionable.

Ed Martel RHP (New Baltimore, Mich.) He could give the Yankees' pitching staff a lift before the summer is over. Martel commanded the Eastern League in 1991, recording a league-high 141 strikeouts in 163 innings.

Dave Silvestri SS (Columbia, Mo.) He delighted the Yankees with his offensive potential, piling up 19 home runs and 83 RBI at Albany. But where will he play? As a shortstop, Silvestri committed 32 errors, an unacceptable total at any level.

Brad Ausmus C (Cheshire, Conn.) He's regarded as an outstanding catcher, but can he hit? Ausmus batted an encouraging .266 in 67 games after a promotion to Albany.

Prospecting for Gold

Brien Taylor (Beaufort, N.C.) is one of the most exciting prospects in all of baseball. Last June, Taylor became the first high school pitcher taken with the No. 1 selection in the draft since David Clyde in 1973. How desperate were the Yankees to sign Taylor when it appeared he might shun them for junior college? They gave him a record \$1.55 million minor league contract at the end of summer-long negotiations.

The Yankees also are doing well with their

first-round choice from 1990, center fielder **Carl Everett**, a product of renowned Hillsborough High in Tampa, Fla. A stellar defensive player with blistering speed, Everett recorded 28 stolen bases for Greensboro in the South Atlantic League while batting .271.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS

Prime Time Prospects

Derek Bell OF (Tampa, Fla.) Toronto's farm system is flourishing and Bell is the best of the best. Why? He can hit, hit for power, and run. The heralded outfielder led the International League in average (.346) and RBI (93) while collecting 13 home runs.

Eddie Zosky SS (Whittier, Calif.) The Blue Jays also boast one of baseball's finest shortstop prospects in Zosky. He was rated as the best shortstop in the International League.

Dave Weathers RHP (Leoma, Tenn.) Normally a starter, Weathers was used to plug a hole in the Jays' bullpen and allowed only one earned run in eight innings. He was 10-7 with a 2.45 ERA at double-A Knoxville.

Prospecting for Gold

Toronto has plenty of outfield help coming along at the lower levels of the minors. **Nigel Wilson** (Ajax, Ontario) and **Robert Perez** (Bolivar, Venezuela) both starred in the Florida State League, where Perez edged Wilson for the batting crown .302 to .301.

Robert Butler (Toronto, Ontario) is yet another heavy-hitting outfielder in Toronto's system. He batted .338 to finish second in the New York-Penn League.

Carlos Delgado (Aguadilla, Puerto Rico) is the best of Toronto's catching prospects. He hit .286 with 18 home runs and 70 RBI for Myrtle Beach in the South Atlantic League.

AL WEST

CALIFORNIA ANGELS

Prime Time Prospects

Lee Stevens 1B (Wichita, Kan.) The first baseman put together a fine season at triple-A Edmonton, batting .314 with 19 home runs and 96 RBI. There is one problem with that. It was his third season in Class AAA.

Prospecting for Gold

When **Troy Percival** (Moreno Valley, Calif.) embarked on his professional career in 1990, he donned catcher's gear and assumed those skills would make or break him. It didn't work out that way at all. Percival struggled at the plate, leading the Angels to try him as a relief pitcher last year. He emerged as the top prospect in the Northwest League.

California had another quality youngster at Boise in outfielder **Eduardo Perez** (La Romana, Dominican Republic). He showed the ability to handle breaking pitches and to hit to all fields while carving out a .288 average. He also showed defensive flaws that must be corrected.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX

Prime Time Prospects

Wilson Alvarez LHP (Maracaibo, Venezuela) He wasn't in awe when he was promoted to the White Sox last August. Instead, Alvarez left everyone else in awe. He celebrated the occasion by no-hitting Baltimore. At double-A Birmingham, Alvarez fanned 165 batters in 152½ innings while going 10-6 with an eye-popping 1.83 ERA.

Roberto Hernandez RHP (Santurce, Puerto Rico) He is another pitching prospect who reacts well to the spotlight. Hernandez carried a no-hitter into the seventh inning against Kansas City in his major league debut.

Steve Wapnick RHP (Sepulveda, Calif.) Wapnick impressed as a September call-up, posting a 1.80 ERA in six games.

Jeff Carter RHP (Brandon, Fla.) He is hoping to excel in spring training after going 0-1 with a 5.25 ERA in five appearances with the Sox.

Prospecting for Gold

This system does not appear to offer a great deal at the lower levels. **Rogelio Nunez** (Santiago, Dominican Republic) was an impressive catcher at South Bend, although he batted only .212 there. Right-hander **Johnny Ruffin** (Butler, Ala.) bears watching after an excellent season in the Florida State League.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS

Prime Time Prospects

Jeff Conine 1B (Rialto, Calif.) Great expectations surrounded Conine as he entered the 1991 season. He had batted .320 with 15 home runs and 95 RBI at double-A Memphis the year before. But injuries limited Conine to a .257 batting average and only 171 at-bats at triple-A Omaha.

Joel Johnston RHP (West Chester, Pa.) He was practically untouchable in a September call-up, striking out 21 in 22½ innings while posting a microscopic 0.40 ERA.

Tim Spehr C (Waco, Texas) This Arizona State product gives the Royals some catching depth.

Harvey Pulliam OF (San Francisco) Pulliam, who put up a .273 average in 33 at-bats with the Royals, brings added strength to the team's bench.

Prospecting for Gold

The Royals featured two standouts in the Gulf Coast League in shortstop **Carlos Subero** (Ca-

racas, Venezuela) and right-hander **Mike Bovee** (Mira Mesa, Calif.). Subero is brilliant defensively and is regarded as the best shortstop in the organization. Bovee topped the league with 76 strikeouts in 61½ innings.

Kansas City has two third basemen who bear watching, **Phil Hiatt** (Pensacola, Fla.) and **Joe Randa** (Delafield, Wis.). Hiatt batted .298 in the Florida State League with 28 stolen bases. Randa thrived in the Northwest League, where he was the Most Valuable Player. He batted .338 with 11 home runs and 59 RBI.

MINNESOTA TWINS

Prime Time Prospects

Willie Banks RHP (Jersey City, N.J.) The rotation should receive a lift from Banks, Minnesota's first-round selection in 1987 and the third player taken overall. Banks' inexperience showed with a 1-1 record and 5.71 ERA in his five games with Minnesota, but there's a lot to like about him.

David McCarty OF (Houston) McCarty was *Baseball America's* College Player of the Year and finished '91 at the double-A level after needing only 15 games in the Class A California League. He's being trained as an outfielder after playing first base in college.

Prospecting for Gold

Midre Cummings (St. Croix, Virgin Islands) is another outfielder on the move. He captured the Midwest League batting crown with a .322 average.

The Twins have fine pitching prospects, including right-handers **Pat Mahomes** (Lindale, Texas) and **Todd Ritchie** (Duncanville, Texas) and left-hander **David Sartain** (Virginia Beach, Va.).

OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Prime Time Prospects

Todd Van Poppel RHP (Arlington, Texas) Van Poppel soon will begin to pay dividends for the Athletics and should be their ace for years. He made his major league debut last September, 14 months after he graduated from high school. The outing showed both his lack of readiness as well as his vast potential. The right-hander was tagged by the Chicago White Sox for five runs on seven hits in 4½ innings. At the same time, he showed his ability to overpower hitters by recording six of his 14 outs via strikeouts.

David Zancanaro LHP (Carmichael, Calif.) Van Poppel spent most of last season at double-A Huntsville, as did Zancanaro. A product of UCLA, Zancanaro was 5-10 for the last-place club, but his 3.38 ERA better reflected his ability.

Prospecting for Gold

Brent Gates (Grandville, Mich.) and **Fausto Cruz** (Monty Christy, Dominican Republic) are a couple of talented shortstops. Gates batted .288

for Southern Oregon of the Northwest League, while Cruz is a defensive standout with excellent range and a strong arm.

Gary Hust (Petal, Miss.) and **Mike Neill** (Long Beach, Calif.) are hot prospects for the outfield. Hust, who socked 10 home runs and drove in 49 runs in the Northwest League, is already drawing comparisons to superstar Jose Canseco. Neill is a different kind of hitter but deadly in his own right. He batted .350 to out-distance the field in the Northwest League race.

SEATTLE MARINERS

Prime Time Prospects

Roger Salkeld RHP (Saugas, Calif.) Salkeld prepped for the big leagues at double-A Jacksonville of the Southern League, registering an 8-8 record with a 3.05 ERA. Those numbers are not nearly as exciting as these: 159 strikeouts in 153½ innings.

Dave Fleming LHP (Mahopac, N.Y.) He was a combined 12-6 at Jacksonville and Class AAA Calgary and is proving to be a wise third-round pick in the 1990 draft.

Tino Martinez 1B (Tampa, Fla.) He has been knocking on the door with two straight big seasons in the Pacific Coast League, including a .326 average to go with 18 home runs and 86 RBI last year.

Patrick Lennon OF (Whiteville, N.C.) A first-round choice in 1986, Lennon compiled a .329 average at Calgary with 15 home runs, 74 RBI.

Prospecting for Gold

Second baseman **Bret Boone** (Rydal, Pa.) has history on his side. He's attempting to become the third generation of Boones to play in the big leagues, following in the footsteps of grandfather Ray and father Bob. Bret totaled 19 home runs and 75 RBI at Jacksonville.

Seattle has two left-handers who commanded a great deal of attention in the Northwest League, **Mike Hampton** (Homosassa, Fla.) and **Shawn Estes** (Gardnerville, Nev.). Hampton distinguished himself as the league's best pitcher with a 5-2 record and a 1.58 ERA. Estes must settle down after a difficult initiation into pro ball that produced a 1-3 record with a 6.88 ERA at Bellingham.

Seattle's first-rounder in 1990, **Marc Newfield** (Huntington Beach, Calif.), was shifted from first base to left field. He emerged as the California League's best hitting prospect with an even .300 average, 11 home runs and 68 RBI for San Bernardino.

TEXAS RANGERS

Prime Time Prospects

Rob Maurer 1B (Evansville, Ind.) He will merit a long look after a strong year at triple-A Oklahoma City. Maurer tied for second in the American Association in home runs (20) and

finished fourth in RBI (77) while fashioning a .301 average.

Monty Fariss INF (Leedey, Okla.) He batted .271 with 13 home runs and 73 RBI at Oklahoma City. Fariss has tried shortstop, second base and left field without encouraging results at any position.

Prospecting for Gold

Texas general manager Tom Grieve recognized the shortage of pitching in the system and did something about it. In trading Steve Buechele to Pittsburgh for the Pirates' stretch run, he secured two pitchers with a chance to help the Rangers for years, **Hector Fajardo** (Michoacan, Mexico) and **Kurt Miller** (Bakersfield, Calif.).

The Rangers threw Fajardo into the big league fire soon after the trade. It should have been no surprise that he struggled, losing both of his decisions with a 5.68 ERA. It was a case of too much, too soon. Fajardo will prosper as long as his new team is patient with him.

Miller is rated ahead of Fajardo in potential. In fact, he was Pittsburgh's top pitching prospect at the time of the trade. Miller was 6-7 with a 2.50 ERA at Augusta.

The Rangers are excited about the development of two former first-rounders, catcher **Bill Haselman** (Saratoga, Calif.) and center fielder **Donald Harris** (Waco, Texas).

NL EAST

CHICAGO CUBS

Prime Time Prospects

Lance Dickson LHP (La Mesa, Calif.) A stress fracture to his right foot held up Dickson's progress, but it did nothing to harm his standing as one of the game's finest pitching prospects. The injury limited the left-hander to 101½ innings at triple-A Iowa, but that was enough time for him to strike out exactly one batter per inning.

Rey Sanchez SS (Charlotte Harbor, Fla.) He missed all of 1990 due to injury but bounced back with an outstanding season at Iowa. Sanchez batted .290 and showed what a great contact hitter he is by striking out only 27 times in 417 at-bats. He displayed some speed as well with 13 stolen bases.

Derrick May OF (Newark, Del.) Still another injury victim in the Cubs' farm system was this outfielder, who sat out a month and a half at Iowa with a broken right wrist and played only 82 games as a result. He still was able to build a .297 average.

Gary Scott 3B (Pelham, N.Y.) The 1991 season was one to forget for Scott. He thought it would be a dream season after making the leap from double-A ball to the majors at the begin-

ning of the year. The dream quickly became a nightmare as Scott batted .165 in the first six weeks and was sent down. There's good reason, though, to think he will right himself and return to the form that made him the Cubs' Minor League Player of the Year in 1990.

Prospecting for Gold

Chicago will promote two good ones from Winston-Salem of the Class A Carolina League, pitcher **Ryan Hawblitzel** (Greenacres, Fla.) and third baseman **Pete Castellano** (Lara, Venezuela).

Hawblitzel blitzed the league by winning 15 of his 17 decisions with a 2.28 ERA. Castellano showed himself to be a polished hitter by batting .303 with 10 home runs and 88 RBI.

MONTREAL EXPOS

Prime Time Prospects

Wilfredo Cordero SS (Mayaguez, Puerto Rico) Montreal's system is loaded with talent and Cordero is the brightest jewel among the riches. He collected 11 home runs and 52 RBI while batting .261 for Indianapolis.

Bret Barberie INF (Cerritos, Calif.) Primarily a third baseman, Barberie also can play second and short, and he is a switch-hitter. He batted .312 with 10 home runs and 48 RBI in only 218 at-bats with Indianapolis.

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Doug Piatt RHP (Beaver, Pa.), David Wainhouse RHP (Mercer Island, Wash.) Both are quality right-handed relievers. Piatt got more than a taste of the big time by making 21 appearances for the Expos spanning 34⅓ innings and achieving a fine 2.60 ERA. Wainhouse, a member of the 1988 Canadian Olympic team, was used as a closer for the first time last season and responded well.

John Vanderwal OF (Jenison, Mich.) Lightly regarded when last season began, Vanderwal asserted himself by batting .293 with 15 home runs and 71 RBI at Indianapolis.

Prospecting for Gold

There's as much talent in the lower levels of Montreal's system as there is up above. Probably more. Looking for an outstanding hitter? All second baseman **Matt Stairs** (Stanley, New Brunswick, Canada) did was win the Eastern League batting crown with a .333 average to go with 13 home runs, 78 RBI and 23 stolen bases. First baseman **Derrick White** isn't bad, either. He batted a team-leading .328 for Jamestown in the New York-Penn League and showed plenty of run-producing ability with six home runs and 49 RBI.



Expos' Cordero is more than a glove man.

Outfielder **Rondell White** (Gray, Ga.) is being compared to perennial MVP candidate Barry Bonds. South Atlantic League catchers didn't have a chance against White as he stole 51 bases. He has power, too. White cracked 12 home runs with 67 RBI for Sumter.

NEW YORK METS

Prime Time Prospects

Todd Hundley C (Palatine, Ill.) The son of former major league catcher Randy Hundley had been saddled with the good-glove, no-hit tag, but he finally overcame that last year by batting .273 with 14 home runs and 66 RBI at triple-A Tidewater.

Anthony Young RHP (Houston) He dropped five of seven decisions with the Mets, but

his 3.10 ERA is a better indication of how he pitched.

Chris Donnels 3B (Torrance, Calif.) Donnels batted only .225 in 89 at-bats with the Mets. He showed his potential, though, by hitting .303 with eight home runs and 56 RBI at Tidewater.

Prospecting for Gold

The Mets took some heat when they selected **Jeromy Burnitz** (Montgomery, Texas) with their first pick in the 1990 draft, but the right fielder became the first 30-30 man in Eastern League history with 31 home runs and 31 stolen bases.

Robert Huskey (Lawton, Okla.) is another prospect who combines power and speed. He clouted 26 home runs with 22 stolen bases for Columbia in the South Atlantic League.

While Huskey helped Columbia with his bat, pitcher **Jose Martinez** (Santiago, Dominican Republic) did wonders for the team with his arm. Relying heavily on a change-up, the right-hander won 20 of 24 decisions, posted a 1.49 ERA and tacked on two more victories in the playoffs.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES

Prime Time Prospects

Kim Batiste SS (Prairieville, La.) He appears ready to take over the Phillies' shortstop job after doing everything asked of him at triple-A Scranton, batting .292. Batiste counted 25 doubles among his hits and displayed his athleticism by stealing 18 bases.

Andy Ashby RHP (Kansas City, Mo.) He has big-time potential. Unfortunately, Ashby has big-time control problems as well. He yielded 60 walks in 161⅓ innings at Scranton. Ashby was 11-11 with a 3.46 ERA at the triple-A level.

Braulio Castillo OF (Elias Pina, Dominican Republic) The Phillies made an excellent acquisition when they picked up Castillo from Los Angeles last July. Castillo hit .300 with eight home runs and 48 RBI at double-A San Antonio before the Dodgers dealt him. Castillo continued his success as soon as he joined the Phillies' organization by compiling a .350 average in 16 games with Scranton.

Prospecting for Gold

Philadelphia had two prospects of note at double-A Reading, catcher **Doug Lindsey** (Austin, Texas) and outfielder **Tony Longmire** (Vallejo, Calif.). Lindsey gunned down 46 of 100 potential base-stealers and held his own offensively by batting .259 with 13 doubles. Longmire rebounded from a 1990 season that was largely lost to a broken wrist to bat .288 with nine home runs and 56 RBI at Reading.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES

Prime Time Prospects

John Wehner 3B (Pittsburgh) A back injury

could not have come at a worse time for Wehner. He was on his way to establishing himself as Pittsburgh's third baseman and was batting a robust .340 when the injury came. His first goal, obviously, will be to return to health.

Rosario Rodriguez LHP (Los Mochis, Mexico) Rodriguez gave the Pirates' bullpen a big lift last year, earning six saves. The tough left-hander fanned 43 in 51 innings at triple-A Buffalo.

Carlos Garcia SS (Bolívar, Venezuela) Besides playing a solid shortstop for Buffalo, Garcia batted .266, knocked in 60 runs and stole 30 bases at the triple-A level. He batted .250 in 24 at-bats with the Pirates.

Prospecting for Gold

Pittsburgh thought enough of **Scott Bullett** (Martinsburg, W. Va.) to bring him to the big leagues from Class A ball last September. His combined statistics in stops at Augusta and Salem included a .285 average, 47 doubles, 18 triples, 108 RBI and, get this, 110 stolen bases.

Jon Farrell (Jacksonville, Fla.) was drafted primarily as a catcher but has shown that he can be a capable center fielder. Farrell displayed offensive ability with eight home runs and 35 RBI for Welland of the New York-Penn League.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS

Prime Time Prospects

Rheal Cormier LHP (Shediac, New Brunswick, Canada), Mark Clark RHP (Bath, Ill.) St. Louis was able to stay in-house when it needed pitching help last season. The Cardinals turned to Cormier and Clark. Cormier pitched well enough, going 4-5 with a 4.12 ERA in 10 starts after a 7-9 mark for a triple-A Louisville affiliate that finished 41 games under .500. Clark finished the season at the big league level after beginning it at double-A. He was 3-2 with a 2.98 ERA at Louisville in between.

Stan Royer 3B (Springfield, Ill.) St. Louis obtained a quality prospect in Royer when it sent Willie McGee to Oakland during the Athletics' stretch drive in August 1990. Royer totaled 14 home runs and 74 RBI at Louisville.

Prospecting for Gold

Donovan Osborne (Carson City, Nev.) went 8-12 with a 3.63 ERA at Arkansas but pitched much better than that after a slow start. Another slow starter was **Brian Barber** (Orlando, Fla.), one of three St. Louis first-round selections in 1991. He finished 4-6 with Johnson City of the Appalachian League after dropping his first six decisions.

St. Louis did well with its other two first-rounders, **Dmitri Young** (Camarillo, Calif.) and **Allen Watson** (Queens, N.Y.). Young is a switch-hitter. Watson, a left-hander out of New York Tech, debuted with Hamilton of the New York-Penn League and was 1-1 with a 2.29 ERA.

NL WEST

ATLANTA BRAVES

Prime Time Prospects

Mark Wohlers RHP (Holyoke, Mass.) It's only a matter of time before Wohlers takes over as Atlanta's stopper. It should happen sooner rather than later. The converted starter possesses an ideal weapon to be a closer: His fastball averages between 94 and 96 mph.

Armando Reynoso RHP (Jalisco, Mexico) He made an auspicious major league debut, firing six scoreless innings for a victory. The Braves shrewdly signed Reynoso out of the Mexican League in August 1990.

Keith Mitchell OF (San Diego) Mitchell showed off his talents in the Southern League by batting .327 with 10 home runs, 47 RBI and 12 stolen bases.

Prospecting for Gold

Atlanta owns one of baseball's best power-hitting prospects in **Ryan Klesko** (Westminster, Calif.), a pitcher forced to become a first baseman due to an arm injury. It was the most fortunate injury a player could have. Klesko was a fearsome offensive player at double-A Greenville, piling up 14 home runs and 67 RBI.

Chipper Jones (Pierson, Fla.) batted only .229 in the Gulf Coast League in his first season but emerged again as a premier prospect with a great performance last year in the South Atlantic League. In his first full season, switch-hitter Jones batted .326 with 15 home runs, 98 RBI and 39 stolen bases at Macon.

The Braves had the second pick in last year's draft and used it well, taking heralded Arizona State center fielder **Mike Kelly** (Los Alamitos, Calif.). He batted .250 with six home runs and 17 RBI at Durham of the Carolina League in making the transition to the pros.

CINCINNATI REDS

Prime Time Prospects

Reggie Sanders OF (Florence, S.C.) Sanders, a seventh-round pick in 1987 who now has a shot at stardom, is ready to step in as the Reds' center fielder. He displayed his preparedness by fashioning a .315 average at double-A Chattanooga with eight home runs, 49 RBI and 15 stolen bases.

Mo Sanford RHP (Starkville, Miss.), Steve Foster RHP (Dallas) Sanford wasn't all that highly regarded when he began 1991 at AA Chattanooga. But, after winning seven of 11 decisions there and striking out 124 batters in 95½ innings, he earned a promotion to triple-A Nashville and found himself in Cincinnati in

early August. Foster followed a similar path, earning 10 saves at Chattanooga, advancing to Nashville and registering 12 more saves, then moving on to Cincinnati. Foster finished strongly with the Reds. His last seven innings were hitless and scoreless.

Prospecting for Gold

Dan Wilson (Barrington, Ill.) fits into the catching plans some time soon. A first-round draft choice out of the University of Minnesota in 1990, Wilson is known for his accurate arm and catching skills.

John Roper (Raeford, N.C.) ranks as one of Cincinnati's best pitching prospects, if not the best prospect, at the lower levels. The right-hander topped the South Atlantic League with 189 strikeouts in 187 innings while compiling a 14-9 record with a 2.31 ERA.

HOUSTON ASTROS

Prime Time Prospects

Andujar Cedeno SS (La Romana, Dominican Republic) He's ready to take his place at shortstop. Cedeno batted .300 for the second time by ringing up a .303 average at Tucson to go with seven home runs and 55 RBI.

Jeff Juden RHP (Salem, Mass.), Brian Williams RHP (Fort Lawn, S.C.) Houston swiftly moved along Juden and Williams. Juden began

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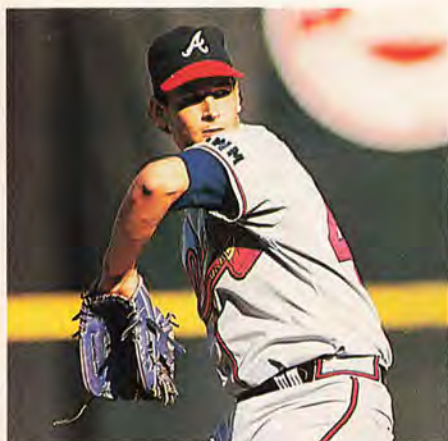


1991 at the double-A level and soon reached the big leagues. Williams started at Class A and wound up in the same spot.

Eddie Taubensee C (Longwood, Fla.) He was traded by Cleveland in the off-season. Taubensee was claimed on waivers from Oakland and played well at Colorado Springs, batting .310 with 13 home runs in 91 games.

Prospecting for Gold

Chris Hatcher (Carter Lake, Iowa) and **Tom Nevers** (Edina, Minn.) are two of Houston's more intriguing prospects at the lower levels. Hatcher, an outfielder with a strong arm, showcased power potential by racking up 13 home runs and 65 RBI for Burlington of the Midwest League. Nevers distinguished himself offensively by accumulating 16 home runs and 71 RBI at Asheville of the South Atlantic League.



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Braves' Wohlers saves his best for last.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS

Prime Time Prospects

Pedro Martinez RHP (Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic) Martinez is one celebrated prospect who seemingly can't miss. His brother, Ramon, the Dodgers' current ace, certainly didn't. Pedro is compared favorably to Ramon at this stage. While Pedro is a small figure on the mound at 5-11, 150 pounds, his results are big. He won 18 games in stops last year at the A, AA, and AAA levels.

Jose Offerman SS (San Pedro de Macoris, Dominican Republic) Most observers expected Offerman to be a runaway winner of the National League's Rookie of the Year award in 1991. Not only did Offerman not compete for the honor, he failed to stick with the Dodgers. His .298 average at Albuquerque represented a 28-point dropoff from the summer before, when he was the Pacific Coast League's MVP. However, he is still widely regarded as an outstanding prospect.

Eric Karros 1B (San Diego) The well-regarded Karros struggled when he reached Los

Angeles. Karros, who batted .316 with 22 home runs at Albuquerque, found the going much more treacherous in the NL, producing only one hit in 14 at-bats. Karros should be able to overcome such adversity, however.

Carlos Hernandez C (San Felix, Bolivar, Venezuela) Hernandez appears ready for Dodger Stadium. He did it all at Albuquerque. Hernandez gunned down 41 of 99 potential base stealers. His .345 average was second-highest in the PCL.

Prospecting for Gold

Los Angeles has two more youngsters knocking on the door in third baseman **Dave Hansen** (Long Beach, Calif.) and right-hander **Jamie McAndrew** (Paducah, Ky.). Hansen hit .268 in 56 at-bats with the Dodgers after fashioning a .303 average at Albuquerque. The concern is whether Hansen will ever provide some power at a position associated with that. He supplied only five home runs at Albuquerque and one homer with the Dodgers. McAndrew went 12-10 with a 5.04 ERA last season at Albuquerque. Before that, he was the Dodgers' Minor League Pitcher of the Year with a 10-3 record and 2.27 ERA at Class A Bakersfield.

Los Angeles is excited about the potential of **Raul Mondesi** (San Cristobal, Dominican Republic), an outfielder who batted .272 with five home runs and 26 RBI at double-A San Antonio in only his second pro season.

The Dodgers did well in acquiring right-hander **Greg Hansell** (La Palma, Calif.) from the Mets in December 1990. The right-hander was extremely impressive in the California League, winning 14 of 19 decisions with a sparkling 2.87 ERA.

SAN DIEGO PADRES

Prime Time Prospects

Jeremy Hernandez RHP (Tujunga, Calif.) It's not unusual for rookies to struggle when they are called to the big leagues. In fact, it's pretty much expected. San Diego didn't mind a bit when Hernandez provided an exception to the rule. He did not allow an earned run and struck out nine in 14 1/3 eye-opening innings following a September call-up. It was no fluke. Hernandez rattled off 13 saves at triple-A Las Vegas and struck out 67 batters in 68 1/3 innings there.

Dave Staton 3B-1B (Tustin, Calif.) Staton has done enough offensively to warrant serious consideration for a major league job. His 22 home runs ranked him tied for third among the Pacific Coast League's heavy hitters, and he paced Las Vegas with 74 RBI.

Prospecting for Gold

Matt Mieske (Auburn, Mich.) wasn't selected until the 17th round of the 1990 draft, but his accomplishments so far are something any first-rounder would be proud of. Mieske has been the MVP in the Northwest and California

Leagues his first two pro seasons. In '91, he led all California League hitters in average (.341), hits (168) and runs scored (108).

Right-handed **Frank Seminara** (Brooklyn, N.Y.) paced the Texas League with 15 victories and ranked sixth with a 3.38 ERA.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS

Prime Time Prospects

Royce Clayton SS (Inglewood, Calif.) It's only a matter of time before Clayton takes over as San Francisco's shortstop. There is no question about his ability. Clayton showed he could hit for average by compiling a .280 mark at double-A Shreveport. He proved he could be a run-producer by knocking in 68. He stole 36 bases. But he made 29 errors. That point was hammered home when he received a late-season promotion to the Giants. Clayton hit .115 in 26 at-bats, producing as many hits (three) as errors.

Ted Wood OF (New Orleans) Wood is another who struggled mightily after joining the parent club. He hit a meager .120 and struck out 11 times in 25 at-bats. It was a stark contrast to Wood's performance in triple-A, where he led all hitters at that level in RBI with 109. Wood was a member of the 1988 U.S. Olympic team and is a solid all-around player.

Paul McClellan RHP (Redwood City, Calif.), Bryan Hickerson LHP (Bemidji, Minn.) Pitching help comes from McClellan and Hickerson. McClellan appeared to hit a roadblock when he dropped 16 of 23 decisions with a fat 5.17 ERA at triple-A in 1990. But he rebounded to be Texas League Pitcher of the Year, his ticket to a promotion to San Francisco. Hickerson also saw time with the Giants, posting a 2-2 record with a 3.60 ERA in six starts.

Prospecting for Gold

Salomon Torres (San Pedro de Macoris, Dominican Republic) drew San Francisco's attention when he went 11-1 with an 0.50 ERA in the Dominican Summer League in 1990. Torres got everybody else's attention last season in the Midwest League, his second year as a member of the Giants' organization. The 5-11, 150-pounder led all minor league starters with a 1.41 ERA and placed second in strikeouts with 214 (in 211 innings).

Torres' batterymate at Clinton, **Eric Christopherson** (San Diego), drew attention as well. Christopherson, a first-round choice out of San Diego State in 1990, batted .270 and knocked in 58 runs. Behind the plate, he shows a strong arm helped by a quick release.

Second baseman **John Patterson** (Phoenix) played in Clayton's shadow at Shreveport, but he did bat .295 and steal 41 bases. The season continued a strong comeback for Patterson, who missed most of '89 with arm surgery.

Right-handers **Rick Huisman** (Bensenville, Ill.) and **Kevin McGehee** (Pineville, La.) were dominant figures in the California League. ■

Wichita State's Shocker Stock Is On the Rise

By JIM CALLIS
Baseball America

The balance of power in college baseball has shifted. There's so much parity these days that the Pacific-10 Southern Division is no longer dominant. There may never be another program like the Southern California juggernauts that won five straight championships from 1970-74.

Dynasties are gone from college baseball. The strongest program is Wichita State, which enters the season ranked No. 1 by *Athlon*. The Shockers have played for the national championship two of the last three years, beating Texas 5-3 in 1989 and losing 6-3 to LSU last June, and should play for the title again in 1992.

Here's *Athlon's* Top 20:

1. WICHITA STATE

Coach: Gene Stephenson (792-248, 14 seasons)

1991: 66-13, second at CWS, ranked No. 2

Returning Regulars: 6

Returning Starting Pitchers: 2

How talented are the Shockers? They had more players, five, invited to the November Olympic trials than any other school: sophomores (RHP) Jamie Bluma (3-2, 1.60, 7 saves) and (RHP-DH) Darren Dreifort (9-2, 2.41; .324-2-10), and juniors (C) Doug Mirabelli (.351-13-85), (RHP) Kennie Steenstra (17-0, 2.17) and (SS) Chris Wimmer (.401-4-68, 54 SB). Behind those players is a strong supporting cast that includes seniors (OF) Todd Dreifort (.337-8-56), Darren's brother, and (1B) Jason White (.337-13-65).

2. MIAMI

Coach: Ron Fraser (1,163-428, 29 seasons)

1991: 46-17, fourth (tie) at West II Regional, ranked No. 16

Returning Regulars: 7

Returning Starting Pitchers: 2

The Hurricanes continue to beat the pros in the battle for high school talent. Since luring Alex Fernandez to Coral Gables in 1988, Miami has added C Charles Johnson (.339-15-53), a first-round pick in 1989; RHP Jose Prado, a second-rounder in 1990; and RHP Kenny Henderson, the fifth overall pick last year. The outfield appears solid with seniors Gino DiMare (.353-1-28, 19 SB) and John Smith (.296-11-34), and freshman Bruce Thompson. Hen-



Steenstra (17-0) was keen for Wichita State.

derson, Prado (9-3, 3.96) and senior LHP Jeff Alkire (10-2, 2.65) will anchor a strong pitching staff.

3. FLORIDA

Coach: Joe Arnold (317-176, eight seasons)

1991: 51-21, third (tie) at CWS, ranked No. 3

Returning Regulars: 7

Returning Starting Pitchers: 3

The Gators return almost everyone. Their strength is pitching, led by junior RHP John Burke (9-5, 2.25), the sixth overall pick in the 1991 draft. Florida's rotation—Burke and sophomores (RHP) Marc Valdes (13-4, 2.63) and (LHP) Ron Scott (10-2, 4.13)—will be hard to beat. Senior 1B Brent Killen (.306-9-53) was MVP in the Cape Cod League. The offense has plenty of speed in seniors (OF) Dave Majeski (.333-1-35, 24 SB) and (SS) Kevin Polcovich (.345-0-30, 20 SB), and sophomore OF Brian Duva (.288-2-22, 17 SB).

4. FLORIDA STATE

Coach: Mike Martin (665-219, 12 seasons)

1991: 57-14, seventh (tie) at CWS, ranked No. 5

Returning Regulars: 7

Returning Starting Pitchers: 3

The Seminoles won 50 games for the 12th consecutive season under Martin but came up short again in Omaha. Florida State has another excellent team that will try for the school's first title. The marquee player is junior OF-LHP Chris Roberts (.321-14-77; 7-2, 3.52), *Baseball America's* Summer Player of the Year and the only member of Team USA to make the Pan American Games' all-tournament team. Juniors (DH) Kenny Felder (.254-11-56) and (OF) Ty Mueller (.280-11-51) provide power. Junior RHP Roger Bailey (11-3, 3.78) and sophomore LHP Bryan Harris (7-2, 2.93) rejoin Roberts in the rotation. Senior LHP Tim Davis (9-2, 2.84) fronts a deep bullpen.

5. PEPPERDINE

Coach: Andy Lopez (119-59, three seasons)

1991: 41-17-1, fifth (tie) at West I Regional, ranked No. 17

Returning Regulars: 8

Returning Starting Pitchers: 3

The Waves didn't lose anyone of significance and should make their first trip to Omaha since 1979. The right side of Pepperdine's infield is the same as Team USA's last summer: juniors (1B) Dan Melendez (.354-6-60) and (2B) Steve Rodriguez (.419-7-49, 32 SB). Juniors (SS) Eric Ekdahl (.325-1-24, 18 SB) and (OF) Chris Sheff (.324-4-46, 23 SB) also have speed. Senior RHP Pat Ahearne (11-5, 3.42) and junior RHP Steve Duda (11-2, 3.07) had all-star seasons in Alaska and Cape Cod respectively. Junior RHP Derek Wallace (4-0, 2.58) was unbeaten in 1990.

6. NOTRE DAME

Coach: Pat Murphy (178-69, four seasons)

1991: 45-16, ranked No. 22

Returning Regulars: 7

Returning Starting Pitchers: 4

The NCAA selection committee won't be able to overlook the Fighting Irish again. The rotation includes three pro prospects: juniors (RHP) Pat Leahy (8-3, 4.76) and (RHP) David Sinnes (5-2, 4.73), and sophomore LHP Tom Price (7-2, 2.55). Senior 1B Joe Binkiewicz (.379-15-48), junior OF Eric Danapilis (.374-4-43) and senior C-3B Cory Mee (.355-0-34) head a deep lineup. And Murphy brought in some promising freshmen.

7. CAL STATE FULLERTON

Coach: Augie Garrido (701-314, 16 seasons)

1991: 34-22, unranked

Returning Regulars: 6

Returning Starting Pitchers: 3

Garrido returned to the Titans last season after three years at Illinois. This team could give him his third national title. Junior 3B-SS Phil Nevin (.335-3-46) has played for Team USA the last two summers. Seniors (2B) Steve Sisco (.350-3-40) and (C-3B) Jason Moler (.318-5-31) had all-star summers in Alaska. Senior RHP Dan Naulty (8-3, 3.38) is the top starter. Garrido's recruiting class is strong.

8. TEXAS A&M

Coach: Mark Johnson (325-123, seven seasons)

1991: 44-23, third at South Regional, ranked No. 19

Returning Regulars: 5

Returning Starting Pitchers: 3

The Aggies usually have to play second fiddle to Texas in the Southwest Conference, but not this year. Pitching will be their strength, led by sophomore LHP Jeff Granger (9-2, 3.20), who played for Team USA last summer. Three freshmen—RHP David Carroll, RHP Chris Clemons and LHP Trey Moore—plus junior RHP Matt Sherwood, a transfer from Blinn, Texas, JC, were drafted last June. Junior SS-OF Mike Hickey (.348-7-51) won the Cape Cod League batting title.

9. STANFORD

Coach: Mark Marquess (625-314, 15 seasons)
1991: 39-23, third at West II Regional,
 ranked No. 15

Returning Regulars: 5

Returning Starting Pitchers: 2

The Cardinal, winners of back-to-back championships in 1987 and '88, have the nation's premier prospect in junior OF Jeffrey Hammonds (.327-14-57, 21 SB). Often compared to Rickey Henderson, Hammonds has enough talent to bat cleanup for Stanford and leadoff for Team USA. Freshman SS Todd LaRocca, Los Angeles' third-round pick, should contribute immediately. The pitching staff is in good shape with sophomore RHP Willie Adams (7-3, 4.14), the No. 1 starter, and junior RHP Rick Helling, a transfer from Kishwaukee, Ill., JC.

10. LOUISIANA STATE

Coach: Skip Bertman (380-149, eight seasons)
1991: 55-18, first at CWS, ranked No. 1

Returning Regulars: 3

Returning Starting Pitchers: 1

The Tigers lost most of their championship team but won't slip much. LSU can bank on juniors (LHP) Mike Sirotko (11-0, 2.80) and (RHP) Rick Greene (7-2, 3.17, 14 SV). Offensively, juniors (OF) Armando Rios (.301-4-20) and (SS) Andy Sheets (.273-3-42), and senior OF Chris Moock (.284-7-42) will lead the way for talented sophomores (C) Adrian Antonini (.258-0-3), (OF) Harry Berrios (.355-1-10), (2B) Keyaan Cook (.276-2-10) and (3B) Mike Neal (.313-0-4).

11. OKLAHOMA STATE

Coach: Gary Ward (719-223, 14 seasons)
1991: 47-20, second at Central Regional,
 ranked No. 12

Returning Regulars: 5

Returning Starting Pitchers: 3

As always, the Cowboys' strength is offense. Oklahoma State has plenty of big guns in seniors (3B) Lou Lucca (.368-14-80) and (OF) Steve Dailey (.301-9-47), and junior C-OF Manny Gagliano (.255-16-62). How far the Cowboys go will be determined by the pitching staff, led by senior LHP Scott Watkins (12-2, 4.33).

12. MISSISSIPPI STATE

Coach: Ron Polk (652-287, 16 seasons)
1991: 42-21, third at Northeast Regional,
 unranked

Returning Regulars: 7

Returning Starting Pitchers: 2

The Bulldogs return almost everyone from their youngest team in years. Junior LHP B.J. Wallace (10-5, 3.78) had an all-star summer in Alaska, and the closer, sophomore RHP-1B Jay Powell (4-2, 1.28, 10 SV), is as good as any in the nation. Freshman RHP Carlton Loewer gives Mississippi State another frontline pitcher. The heart of the offense should be four sophomores: 2B Paul Petrusis (.298-4-25), C Matt

Carpenter (.236-1-20), SS Brad Burckel (.255-2-11) and Powell.

13. TEXAS

Coach: Cliff Gustafson (1,202-276, 24 seasons)
1991: 48-18, third at Central Regional,
 ranked No. 10

Returning Regulars: 4

Returning Starting Pitchers: 2

The Longhorns should have no problem scoring runs. Leading off will be junior OF Calvin Murray (.279-1-34, 43 SB), a speedster who may be a first-round pick. To drive him in, Texas has sophomore DH-RHP Brooks Kieschnick (.358-14-66; 7-1, 2.58), *Baseball America's* 1991 Freshman of the Year, and senior 3B Clay King (.336-5-53). The pitching staff may live up to Longhorn tradition with Kieschnick, senior RHP Chris Gaskill (8-3, 2.87), junior RHP Chad Trahan and freshman RHP Ryan Kjos.

14. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Coach: Mike Gillespie (195-118, five seasons)
1991: 46-17-1, third at West I Regional,
 ranked No. 7

Returning Regulars: 3

Returning Starting Pitchers: 4

The Trojans haven't made it back to Omaha since winning their 11th title in 1978. Most of the offensive firepower from the team ranked No. 1 for part of 1991 is gone, except for junior C Casey Burrill (.333-4-55), but USC has plenty of pitching. Senior RHP Jackie Nickell (9-4, 3.92) and junior RHP Mike Collett (5-4, 4.00) lead the talented corps. How far the Trojans advance depends on a sterling recruiting class.

15. LONG BEACH STATE

Coach: Dave Snow (131-59, three seasons)
1991: 45-22, fifth (tie) at CWS, ranked No. 8
Returning Regulars: 6
Returning Starting Pitchers: 0

Last year's focus for the 49ers was pitching. This year, it's offense. Juniors (3B) Jason Giambi (.407-4-54) and (SS) Chris Gomez, a transfer from Loyola Marymount, will be supplemented by senior OF-1B Eddie Christian (.394-2-41, 18 SB) and juniors (2B-OF) Lamarr Rogers (.365-1-33, 15 SB) and (1B) Todd Pridy (.361-5-44). Junior RHP Michael McLain, a transfer from Sacramento, Calif., CC, will lead a depleted pitching staff.

16. CLEMSON

Coach: Bill Wilhelm (1,066-522, 34 seasons)
1991: 60-10, seventh (tie) at CWS, ranked No. 4
Returning Regulars: 3
Returning Starting Pitchers: 3

Wilhelm was pleasantly surprised when the Tigers led the nation in runs per game and victories last year. Their rotation remains strong with juniors (RHP) Jason Angel (14-2, 2.33), (LHP) Aaron Jersild (8-0, 4.04) and (RHP) Scott Miller (8-3, 3.62). The lineup features sophomore OF Billy McMillon (.391-

10-48) and juniors (C) Mike Lockhart (.357-4-44), (3B) Jeff Miller (.294-9-48) and (SS) Ted Corbin, a transfer from Auburn.

17. ARIZONA STATE

Coach: Jim Brock (977-378, 20 seasons)

1991: 35-27, unranked

Returning Regulars: 5

Returning Starting Pitchers: 1

Last season the Sun Devils, who were ranked No. 1 in the preseason, failed to make the regionals. And now they'll have to play without their Million Dollar Outfield of Mike Kelly (.373-15-56, 23 SB), Jim Austin (.364-15-64, 15 SB) and Tommy Adams (.387-4-21). However, Arizona State has juniors (SS) Kurt Ehmann (.331-3-39) and (OF) Todd Stevenson (.289-10-50) to build around. Sophomore RHP-DH Doug Newstrom (10-2, 5.43; .250-1-16) is a two-way threat.

18. SOUTH CAROLINA

Coach: June Raines (590-242, 15 seasons)

1991: 40-22, unranked

Returning Regulars: 8

Returning Starting Pitchers: 4

The Gamecocks are moving from the Metro Conference to the tougher Southeastern Conference, and they're bringing most of last year's team. In junior RHP Jared Baker (11-4, 3.15), they have the nation's returning strikeout leader (151 in 123 innings). They also have five .300 hitters, led by seniors (OF) Jerry Shepherd (.383-14-60) and (C) Dave Willman (.348-6-41), and junior 1B Jeff Parnell (.335-15-63).

19. OHIO STATE

Coach: Bob Todd (151-97, four seasons)

1991: 52-13, third at Midwest Regional,

ranked No. 13

Returning Regulars: 6

Returning Starting Pitchers: 1

A power in the mid-1960s, the Buckeyes have returned to national prominence. Their top player is the only remaining member of the 1991 rotation, junior RHP Scott Kligenbeck (11-2, 3.43). Sophomore SS Gary Jones (.385-0-24) is the best returning hitter. The lineup also includes seniors (1B) Ken Tirpack (.340-10-50) and (2B) Jeff Anderson (.338-6-47).

20. CREIGHTON

Coach: Todd Wenberg

1991: 51-22, third (tie) at CWS, ranked No. 6

Returning Regulars: 3

Returning Starting Pitchers: 3

New coach Wenberg replaced Jim Hendry (282-171 in seven seasons), who joined the Florida Marlins' staff. The Blue Jays lost six starters on a team that hit .356 but still will score with junior 1B Chad McConnell (.344-11-51) and seniors (SS) Bobby Langer (.338-6-46) and (OF) Rick Freehling (.337-9-53). Top pitchers are sophomores RHP Alan Benes (11-3, 2.98) and RHP Eric Maloney (4-5, 5.09). ■

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